

Benton County Commission

July 21, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2025 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 7/14/2025. 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 reported that district valuations have been reported to the Missouri State Tax Commission on the Form 11 as required, and districts have been notified of their 2025 valuations. Bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Boonslick Regional Library

County Clerk Susan Porterfield spoke to the Commission on behalf of the Boonslick Regional Library, indicating that the Library has requested the reappointment of Erin MacLean to this Board. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint Ms. MacLean to serve as trustee on the Boonslick Regional Library Board, for another four year term. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Rick Renno presented his weekly financial report.

Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Salary

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske signed the agreement for implementation of the fiscal year 2026 grant for the Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Salary. This agreement will be sent to the Missouri Department of Public Safety to initiate compliance with this grant award.

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson met with Commissioners to request the addition of an assistant prosecuting attorney to his staff. He indicated that this was taken out of his budget equation at the beginning of the year but the current caseload has made it necessary to re-visit this issue. Additionally, given the current caseload, he also requested that a part-time investigator position be added to his staff also. Commissioners will consider these requests and issue a response soon.

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 Michael Schnakenberg and Pam Grobe, Appointed Members. There were no appearances for the Board; it was noted that, due to new State Tax Commission guidelines, adjournment will occur under their direction.

CentralSquare

Commissioners discussed the implementation of the new dispatch module through CentralSquare, noting that training is necessary for all personnel who will utilize this system. The County will initiate steps to pay for this training program.

FLAP Grant for Berry Bend Avenue

Commissioners have completed paperwork to file for a 21% match for a Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant for Berry Bend Avenue for the 2026 construction year. This grant is available through the Eastern Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration.

Collector

Collector David Brodersen presented information pertaining to a Senior Citizen Tax Freeze; Commissioners had denied the application due to the mailing address given in the application, and the taxpayer is protesting the decision. Commissioners reviewed their decision as well as the paperwork presented, and stand behind the decision that was made. A telephone call was attempted to the individual to apprise him of the decision, but no answer was received. A call was returned later, and protocols were discussed. It was determined that proper documentation was not received in order to provide proof of County residency, and therefore the initial decision of the Commission will stand.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/22/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner