

Benton County Commission

August 18, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 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 8/11/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Necessary Services

Commissioners discussed the recent correspondence received from Bothwell Regional Health Center pertaining to a detainee who requires chemotherapy; it was noted this was not a budgeted expense, but the detainee must receive this treatment. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to enter into an agreement with Bothwell Regional Health Center for guarantee of payment for necessary chemotherapy services for a detainee, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Septic/Sewer Guidelines

Russell Giudicessi met with Commissioners to discuss his concerns pertaining to guidelines that are in place at the County and State levels governing sewer and septic regulations.

Conflict of Interest Ordinance

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to re-adopt the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for Benton County. 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), as required.

2025 Tax Rate Hearing

The 2025 tax rate hearing was held; Collector David Brodersen, Assessor Jim Hansen, and County Clerk Susan Porterfield were also present. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske made the motion to accept the proposed tax rates for the 2025 tax year, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). The tax rates will be \$.0998 for General Revenue, and \$.2040 for Road and Bridge, per \$100 assessed valuation.

Bid Opening - 2024 Audit Services

The bid opening was held for 2024 audit services; no bids were received for this service. It was noted that the County is required to complete an audit each year in order to comply with requirements of Certificates of Participation for the jail project; Commissioners will reach out to vendors for completion of this necessary audit.

County Clerk Reports

The County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.


Benton County Tourism Board

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint Holly Eierman to the Benton County Tourism Board; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleke (Yes).

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/25/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner