

Benton County Commission

September 08, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 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 9/2/2025. 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.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable is present at today's meeting.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

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

Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented the annual contract agreement for random drug and alcohol testing services, as received from Midwest Collection Specialists, Inc. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to renew the contract with Midwest Collection Specialists, Inc., at an annual cost of \$800, for drug and alcohol testing to be in effect from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry 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 accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #2 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.91 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 MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.955; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for propane for Road District #2 from AA Propane at a cost of \$1.65 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 MFA Propane at a cost of \$1.65 per gallon; the County accepted the bid most advantageous.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable exited the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Review of Property and Liability Insurance Coverage

Commissioners reviewed the property and liability insurance schedules that were received from Mike Keith Insurance last week. Follow up will be made with that agency's representatives when this review is completed.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable has returned to the meeting.

Warsaw Chamber of Commerce

Warsaw Chamber of Commerce representative Dee Dee Hunter met with Commissioners to request permission to situate bouncy houses on the Courthouse lawn on Friday, October 31, for Trunk-or-Treat. Commissioners spoke in favor of this request.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable has exited the meeting at 10:10.

Abandoned Vehicle

A resident in the area of MM and 83 Highways met with Commissioners pertaining to an abandoned vehicle along the roadway that has been there for some time. He was directed to contact the Sheriff's Office for removal.

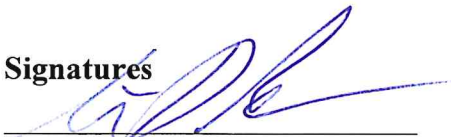
Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to provide her monthly activity report.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/15/2025. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner