



## *Office of the Mayor*

### **BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE**

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1 Court Square, Room 102  
Camden, TN 38320

**August 18, 2025**

TO: Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Mark Ward, County Mayor

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, August 18, 2025** at the Benton County Courthouse at **6:00 P.M.**

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee.
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy
- IV. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin
  - 1) Approval of Agenda
  - 2) Citizens Forum
  - 3) Commissioners Forum
  - 4) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations
  - 5) Approval of Minutes
  - 6) Report of Public Utilities

- 7) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward and the Property Committee to seek permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and lease agreements with local veterans organizations for use of the county owned property at 119 Cole Avenue in Camden, formerly the Senior Citizens Center. (20250818-01)
- 8) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 228,876.90 received from ARPA to proper line items for expenditure to local utilities. (20250818-02)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 173.00 from the Ona Florence Trust Investment Income to a proper expenditure line item to fund current obligations. (20250818-03)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to increase Benton County's Mineral Severance tax rate in accordance with state law. (20250818-04)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from an Innovative Schools Grant to the school budget. (20250818-05)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from West TN Healthcare to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20250818-06)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from Chapter 7 Teacher Bonus to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20250818-07)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received the State of Tennessee for PreK to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20250818-08)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds within the school budget to cover needed line items. (20250818-09)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from an Early Literacy Foundation Grant to the school budget. (20250818-10)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from an Early Literacy PreK to the school budget. (20250818-11)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, authorizing Mayor Mark Ward to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Carey Counseling Center to provide an IOP program within the County Jail. (20250818-12)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from a Community Impact Grant to the school budget. (20250818-13)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Ward, Bain, Fowler and Price to temporarily move the Driver's License kiosk into the mayor's former office in the Benton County Courthouse. (20250818-14)

- 21) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, authorizing Mayor Mark Ward enter into a contract with Flock Safety to provide license plate readers within the county. (20250818-15)**
- 22) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$58,400.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item to cover the costs associated with entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Carey Counseling for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to provide the IOP program within the Jail. (20250818-16)**
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds received from various sources in the month of July to proper line items for expenditure. (20250818-17)**
- 24) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item to cover costs associated with entering into a contract with Flock Safety to provide License Plate Readers in multiple locations throughout the county. (20250818-18)**
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, budgeting funds received from a law enforcement training grant to salary supplements for proper distribution. (20250818-19)**
- 26) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,180.00 from the unassigned fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing a new restraint chair for the Benton County Jail. (20250818-20)**
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Rocky Presson and Debbie Bain to provide an additional 1% raise in salary to county employees and appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 64,396.00 for this purpose. (20250818-21)**
- 28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,100.00 to a proper line item in the Election Commission budget to pay for required equipment for the Benton County Election Office for use in the upcoming Special Election. (20250818-22)**
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward budget funds in the amount of \$ 150.00 received from Johnsonville TVA Credit Union as a donation to the Senior Center Budget. (20250818-23)**
- 30) Appointing Notaries**
- 31) Any Other Business**
- 32) Adjourn**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-01**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD AND  
THE BENTON COUNTY PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward and the Property Committee to seek permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and lease agreements with local veterans organizations for use of the county owned property at 119 Cole Avenue in Camden, formerly the Senior Citizens Center.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to provide a more permanent home for veterans organizations in Benton County; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Camden Chapters of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans have approached the Benton County Commission with a request to be allowed use of the old Senior Citizens Center on Cole Avenue in Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Center has moved to a renovated facility on Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of this request, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward asks the Benton County Commission for permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Lease agreements with these veterans groups for a more permanent use of the building at 119 Cole Avenue in Camden; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 18th day of August, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward be given permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Lease agreements with these local veterans groups for the use of the county owned property at 119 Cole Avenue in Camden, Tennessee.

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**





RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 18, 2025

**A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to increase Benton County’s Mineral Severance tax rate in accordance with state law.**

**WHEREAS**, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 67-7-201 *et seq.*, permits counties, upon the adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds vote of the county legislative body, to enact a mineral severance tax for the benefit of the county road fund to be administered by the state Department of Revenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, Benton County levied a mineral severance tax on sand, gravel, sandstone, chert and limestone severed from the ground within its jurisdiction pursuant to the authority granted in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 67-7-201 *et seq.*, in Resolution Number 0719-08;

**WHEREAS**, *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 67-7-201 *et seq.*, permits counties to increase the mineral severance tax in accordance with the rates set forth in § 67-7-203;

**WHEREAS**, due to factors such as rising material costs, inflation, and supply chain disruptions, the cost of county road and bridge construction and maintenance has increased dramatically and Benton County needs additional revenue for construction and maintenance of its roads and bridges;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Benton County Commission, meeting in regular session on August 18, 2025, that:

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby levied an increase in mineral severance tax on the above-named minerals at a total levy of twenty cents (\$0.20) per ton for a tax period beginning July 1, 2025.

**SECTION 2.** The Mineral Severance Tax of Benton County, shall be collected by the state Department of Revenue in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Revenue.

**SECTION 3.** A certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately upon its passage to the Department of Revenue of the State of Tennessee by the County Clerk and shall be spread upon the minutes of the county legislative body.

**SECTION 4.** For purposes of collection, this Resolution shall take effect on the first day of the month occurring at least sixty (60) days after the certified copy is received by the Department of Revenue; for all other purposes it shall be effective upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body of Benton County, the public welfare requiring it.

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 18, 2025

**A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from an Innovative Schools Grant to the school budget.**

**WHEREAS:** The Benton County Board of Education received the Innovative Schools Grant;

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

INCREASE

46790 IS	Other Vocational	\$662,749.62
71100 189 IS	Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 93,600.00
71100 201 IS	Social Security	5,892.80
71100 204 IS	Retirement	5,600.95
71100 207 IS	Insurance	9,364.00
71100 212 IS	Medicare	1,378.29
71100 429 IS	Instructional Supplies	15,000.00
71100 471 IS	Software	45,350.00
71100 722 IS	Equipment	232,007.30
71300 116 IS	Teachers	130,922.50
71300 201 IS	Social Security	8,116.95
71300 204 IS	Retirement	10,793.79
71300 207 IS	Insurance	23,410.00
71300 212 IS	Medicare	1,898.36
71300 399 IS	Other Contracted Services	1,000.00
71300 429 IS	Instructional Supplies	15,000.00
71300 730 IS	Equipment	63,414.68

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-06**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from West TN Healthcare to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure.**

**WHEREAS:** The Benton County Board of Education received funds from West TN Healthcare;

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

**INCREASE**

44570	Contributions	\$47,440.00
76100 399	Capital Outlay Other Contracted Services	\$27,440.00
76100 707	Capital Outlay Building Improvements	20,000.00

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-07**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from Chapter 7 Teacher Bonus to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure.**

**WHEREAS:** The Benton County Board of Education received funds from the Chapter 7 of the Public Acts of 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session (PC 7) teacher bonus;

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

**INCREASE**

46590	Other State Funds	\$406,351.80
71100 188	Regular Instruction Teachers Bonus	\$282,000.00
71100 201	Social Security	17,484.00
71100 204	Retirement	18,935.40
71100 212	Medicare	4,089.00
71100 217	Hybrid Retirement	1,212.00
71200 188	Special Education Teachers Bonus	30,000.00
71200 188	Speech Pathologists Bonus	2,000.00
71200 201	Social Security	1,984.00
71200 204	Retirement	2246.00
71200 212	Medicare	464.00
71200 217	Hybrid Retirement	181.80
71300 188	Vocational Ed. Teachers Bonus	20,000.00
71300 201	Social Security	1,240.00
71300 204	Retirement	1,420.40
71300 212	Medicare	290.00
71300 217	Hybrid Retirement	121.20
72130 188	Guidance Personnel Bonus	8,000.00
72130 201	Social Security	496.00
72130 204	Retirement	461.60
72130 212	Medicare	116.00
72210 188	Librarians Bonus	10,000.00
72210 201	Social Security	620.00
72210 204	Retirement	577.00
72210 212	Medicare	145.00
73400 188	PreK Teachers Bonus	2,000.00
73400 201	Social Security	124.00
73400 204	Retirement	115.40
73400 212	Medicare	29.00

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-08**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received the State of Tennessee for PreK to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure.**

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Education received additional revenue from the state for Early Childhood Education (PreK);

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

**INCREASE**

46515	PreK	\$2,018.21
73400 207	PreK Insurance	\$ 993.00
73400 217	PreK Hybrid Retirement	1,000.00
73400 599	PreK Other Charges	25.21

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds within the school budget to cover needed line items.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

INCREASE

71100 163	Regular Instruction Educational Assistants	\$19,600.00
71100 201	Social Security	1,216.00
71100 204	Retirement	1,284.00
71100 207	Insurance	9,364.00
71100 212	Medicare	285.00

DECREASE

72120 133	Health Services Paraprofessionals	\$19,600.00
72120 201	Social Security	1,216.00
72120 204	Retirement	1,284.00
72120 207	Insurance	9,364.00
72120 212	Medicare	285.00

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-10**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from an Early Literacy Foundation Grant to the school budget.**

**WHEREAS:** The Benton County Board of Education received the Early Literacy Foundation Grant;

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

**INCREASE**

44570 Contributions \$2,175.00

72120 429 Health Services Inst. Supplies and Materials \$2175.00

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-11**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from an Early Literacy PreK to the school budget.**

**WHEREAS:** The Benton County Board of Education received the Early Literacy PreK State Funds;

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

**INCREASE**

46515	PreK	\$ 8,000.00
73400 189	PreK Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,954.15
73400 201	Social Security	431.77
73400 204	Retirement	486.20
73400 212	Medicare	101.45
73400 217	Hybrid Retirement	26.43

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-12**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, authorizing Mayor Mark Ward to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Carey Counseling Center to provide an IOP program within the County Jail.**

**WHEREAS**, In the previous fiscal year, Carey Counseling Center provided an IOP program within the county jail funded by Opioid Abatement Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the program to continue, a new memorandum of understanding must be entered into for the current fiscal year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 that Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Carey Counseling Center to provide the IOP program within the Jail.

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from a Community Impact Grant to the school budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the Community Foundation of West TN Community Impact Grant;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

INCREASE

44570	Contributions	\$14,000.00
72120 429	Health Services Inst. Supplies and Materials	\$ 4,171.20
72120 599	Health Services Other Charges	9,828.80

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-14**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROSANNE WARD, DEBBIE BAIN,  
DWAYNE FOWLER AND JERRY PRICE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Ward, Bain, Fowler and Price to temporarily move the Driver’s License kiosk into the mayor’s former office in the Benton County Courthouse.**

**WHEREAS**, there exist issues of foot traffic and space restraints with regard to operation of the driver’s license self-service kiosk in the courthouse lobby; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to help alleviate these issues, increase convenience and comfort for our citizens and allow for the more efficient use of the kiosk it is necessary to temporarily relocate the kiosk to a more suitable location; and

**WHEREAS**, The Benton County Mayor’s former office (Suite102) is currently vacant and the front office of that location is well suited for temporarily relocating this kiosk until more permanent spaces are established; and

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, that the drivers license kiosk, currently in the courthouse lobby, be temporarily moved to the mayor’s former office (Suite 102) as stated above.

Upon a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-15**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, authorizing Mayor Mark Ward enter into a contract with Flock Safety to provide license plate readers within the county.**

**WHEREAS**, Flock Safety provides License Plate Readers which would be a valuable investigative tool to deputies, and

**WHEREAS**, Contract terms enumerate a total yearly cost of \$30,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025 that Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to enter into and execute contracts with Flock Safety for the purpose of providing License Plate Readers within the county.

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-16**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$58,400.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item to cover the costs associated with entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Carey Counseling for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to provide the IOP program within the Jail.**

**WHEREAS,** The IOP program was previously supported by opioid abatement funds, which were allocated to a different purpose for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and,

**WHEREAS,** The Sheriff maintains that the IOP program is a valuable program that should be continued for the good of the county.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of August, 2025 that funds be appropriated as follows:

<b>Decrease Fund Balance:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$58,400.00
		<b>\$58,400.00</b>
<b>Increase Expenditures:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
101.54210.312	Contracts with Private Agencies	\$58,400.00
		<b>\$58,400.00</b>

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-17**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds received from various sources in the month of July to proper line items for expenditure.**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$1,450.00 for the month of July, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$1,450.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within Sheriff Department Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of August, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$1,450.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of July, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

**DECREASE REVENUES:**

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$650.00
101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$800.00
		<b>\$1,450.00</b>

**INCREASE EXPENDITURES:**

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$650.00
101.54110.338	Maintenance and Repair Services – Vehicles	\$800.00
		<b>\$1,450.00</b>

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-18**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item to cover costs associated with entering into a contract with Flock Safety to provide License Plate Readers in multiple locations throughout the county.**

**WHEREAS**, Flock Safety provides License Plate Readers which would increase arrest rates, promote public safety within the county, and provide a valuable investigative tool to deputies and,

**WHEREAS**, if contracted, the yearly recurring cost for the platform, 8 License Plate Readers, and 2 Live video cameras would be \$30,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of August, 2025 that funds be appropriated as follows:

<b>Decrease Fund Balance:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$30,000.00
		<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Increase Expenditures:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
101.54110.312	Contracts with Private Agencies	\$30,000.00
		<b>\$30,000.00</b>

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-19**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, budgeting funds received from a law enforcement training grant to salary supplements for proper distribution.**

**WHEREAS**, The State of Tennessee offers the Tennessee Law Enforcement Hiring, Training, and Recruitment Program Cost Sharing Grant as an incentive program for Newly hired Officers, and

**WHEREAS**, a Grant invoice was submitted to and approved by the state in the amount of \$2,500.00, and funds were received by Benton County on 07/02/2025, and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the proper expenditure line item for payment to deputy Trevor Maranto.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of August, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

**DECREASE REVENUES:**

101.47250	Law Enforcement Grants	\$2,500.00
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>

**INCREASE EXPENDITURES:**

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$2,500.00
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

August 18, 2025

**A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,180.00 from the unassigned fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing a new restraint chair for the Benton County Jail.**

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated and budgeted in the amount of \$3,200.00 for the purchase of a restraint chair based on a quote from Safety Restraint Chair Inc. and,

WHEREAS, Safety Restraint Chair Inc. has changed their sales policy and requires up-front payment, a violation of Benton County Purchasing policy, necessitating the need to use a different vendor, and

WHEREAS, Bob Barker Company can supply the restraint chair at a cost of \$4,379.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of August, 2025 that funds be appropriated as follows:

<b>Decrease Fund Balance:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
171.39000	Fund Balance	\$1,180.00
		<b>\$1,180.00</b>
<b>Increase Expenditures:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
171.91130.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$1,180.00
		<b>\$1,180.00</b>

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-21**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROCKY PRESSON &  
DEBBIE BAIN**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Rocky Presson and Debbie Bain to provide an additional 1% raise in salary to county employees and appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 64,396.00 for this purpose.**

**WHEREAS,** Benton County employees were voted a 3% raise in pay in the FY 25/26 budget; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is the belief of the sponsors that these employees should receive an additional 1% in pay increase, making their total increase 4%; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th Day of August, 2025 that Benton County employees who were voted a 3% pay increase in the Fiscal Year 25/26 budget, be given an additional 1% pay raise and that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

**DECREASE**

<b>101.39000</b>	<b>UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>64,396.00</b>
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**INCREASE**

**51300 COUNTY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE**

119 ACCOUNTANTS / BOOKKEEPERS 1,006.00

161 SECRETARY(IES) 464.00

162 CLERICAL PERSONNEL 767.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 139.00

204 PENSIONS 147.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 33.00

51500 ELECTION COMMISSION

106 DEPUTY(IES) 349.00

169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL 103.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 32.00

204 PENSIONS 34.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 8.00

**51600 REGISTER OF DEEDS**

106 DEPUTY(IES) 907.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 57.00

204 PENSIONS 60.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 14.00

**51800 COUNTY BUILDINGS**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 384.00

166 CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL 691.00

169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL 12.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 68.00

204 PENSIONS 72.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 16.00

**52300 PROPERTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

106 DEPUTY(IES) 450.00

162 CLERICAL PERSONNEL 707.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 72.00

204 PENSIONS 76.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 17.00

52400

106 DEPUTY(IES) 1,327.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 83.00

204 PENSIONS 87.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 20.00

**52500 COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

106 DEPUTY(IES) 1,942.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 121.00

204 PENSIONS 128.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 29.00

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106 DEPUTY(IES) 1,840.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 115.00

204 PENSIONS 121.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 13.00

**53310 GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE**

103 ASSISTANT(S) 396.00

106 DEPUTY(IES) 206.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 38.00

204 PENSIONS 40.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 9.00

**53400 CHANCERY COURT**

106 DEPUTY(IES) 802.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 50.00

204 PENSIONS 53.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 12.00

**53500 JUVENILE COURT**

112 YOUTH SERVICE OFFICER(S) 203.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 13.00

204 PENSIONS 14.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 3.00

**54110 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 1,269.00

106 DEPUTY(IES) 6,810.00

108 INVESTIGATOR(S) 1,091.00

110 LIEUTENANT(S) 526.00  
115 SERGEANT(S) 2,217.00  
119 ACCOUNTANTS / BOOKKEEPERS 719.00  
133 PARAPROFESSIONALS 349.00  
148 DISPATCHERS / RADIO OPERATORS 3,637.00  
161 SECRETARY(IES) 344.00  
169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL 571.00  
170 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER 973.00  
187 OVERTIME PAY-DEPUTIES 1,236.00  
187 OVERTIME PAY-DISPATCHERS 1,288.00  
201 SOCIAL SECURITY 1,304.00  
204 PENSIONS 1,378.00  
212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 305.00

**54210 JAIL**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 560.00  
110 LIEUTENANT(S) 956.00  
115 SERGEANT(S) 1,822.00  
133 PARAPROFESSIONALS 424.00  
160 GUARDS 8,250.00  
165 CAFETERIA PERSONNEL 349.00  
167 MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL 393.00  
169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL 264.00  
187 OVERTIME PAY 876.00  
201 SOCIAL SECURITY 862.00  
204 PENSIONS 910.00  
212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 202.00

**54240 JUVENILE SERVICES**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 344.00  
112 YOUTH SERVICE OFFICER(S) 432.00  
201 SOCIAL SECURITY 49.00  
204 PENSIONS 51.00  
212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 12.00

**54490 OTHER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 294.00  
168 TEMPORARY PERSONNEL 16.00  
201 SOCIAL SECURITY 20.00  
204 PENSIONS 21.00  
212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 5.00

**54610 COUNTY CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER**

199 OTHER PER DIEM AND FEES 495.00  
201 SOCIAL SECURITY 31.00  
212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 8.00  
55110 LOCAL HEALTH CENTER  
166 CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL 155.00  
201 SOCIAL SECURITY 10.00  
204 PENSIONS 11.00  
212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 3.00

**55120 RABIES AND ANIMAL CONTROL**

103 ASSISTANT(S) 330.00  
105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 401.00

169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL 386.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 70.00

204 PENSIONS 74.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 17.00

55710 SANITATION MANAGEMENT

149 LABORERS 330.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 21.00

204 PENSIONS 22.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 5.00

**55720 SANITATION EDUCATION/INFORMATION**

149 LABORERS 214.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 14.00

204 PENSIONS 15.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 4.00

**56300 SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 375.00

106 DEPUTY(IES) 418.00

130 SOCIAL WORKERS 328.00

189 OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES 323.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 90.00

204 PENSIONS 95.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 21.00

**56500 LIBRARIES**

129 LIBRARIANS 1,916.00

169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL 230.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 133.00

204 PENSIONS 141.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 32.00

**56700 PARKS AND FAIR BOARDS**

189 OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES 132.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 9.00

204 PENSIONS 9.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 2.00

**58190 OTHER ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 598.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 38.00

204 PENSIONS 40.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 9.00

**58220 AIRPORT**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 670.00

167 MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL 324.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 62.00

204 PENSIONS 66.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 15.00

**58300 VETERANS' SERVICES**

105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR 196.00

201 SOCIAL SECURITY 13.00

204 PENSIONS 13.00

212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE 3.00

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**Total**

**\$ 64,396.00**

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded  
by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD  
MALIN

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA

**RESOLUTION NO. 20250818-22**

**SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,100.00 to a proper line item in the Election Commission budget to pay for required equipment for the Benton County Election Office for use in the upcoming Special Election.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,100.00 to a proper line item in the Election Commission’s Budget to pay for required equipment for the Benton County Election Office; and

**WHEREAS**, this equipment (workstation) is needed for use during the upcoming Special Election and future elections; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, that funds be budgeted as follows:

**DECREASE:**

101.39000      UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE      \$ 6,100.00

**INCREASE:**

101.51500.731      VOTING MACHINES      \$ 6,100.00

Upon a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

On a Roll Call Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Voted AYE \_\_\_\_\_ Voted NAY \_\_\_\_\_ Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD**

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**COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

