



Office of the Mayor

BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

1 Court Square, Room 102
Camden, TN 38320

October 20, 2025

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

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, October 20, 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) Flock Safety – Trevor
 - 4) Carl Perkins Center
 - 5) Commissioners Forum
 - 6) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations
 - 7) Approval of Minutes

- 8) Report of Public Utilities
- 9) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jonathan Bailey to the Benton County Parks and Recreation Board to serve a four (4) year term. (20251020-01)**
- 10) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jody Mock to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to serve a four (4) year term. (20251020-02)**
- 11) **A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from TVA to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20251020-03)**
- 12) **A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from the Public Schools Security Grant to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20251020-04)**
- 13) **A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from Healthier Schools Challenge Grant to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20251020-05)**
- 14) **A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from Health Students Strong Learners Grant to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure. (20251020-06)**
- 15) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and approval to allow parties to donate time and supplies to construct a “Catio” structure on the existing Animal Shelter. (20251020-07)**
- 16) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00, received as a contribution from TVA and Benton County Electric System to the Benton County Senior Citizens Center. (20251020-08)**
- 17) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to commit up to \$800,000 in grant match funding toward a \$2 million dollar DRA CIF (Delta Regional Authority Critical Infrastructure Fund) for sewer utility extension to serve the Smith property, located on Highway 70 and the Highway 70 Bypass, Camden, Tennessee, and other economic development projects. (20251020-09)**
- 18) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, authorizing Mayor Ward to apply for and execute contracts in relation to a Discover business Credit Card for the Benton County Highway Department. (20251020-10)**
- 19) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 200,000.00 to cover a reimbursable grant. (20251020-11)**
- 20) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 38877.87 received from reimbursable grants to the airport budget. (20251020-12)**

21) Appointing Notaries

22) Any Other Business

23) Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 20251020-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jonathan Bailey to the Benton County Parks and Recreation Board to serve a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Parks and Recreation Board it will be necessary to appoint a new member, and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Bailey is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, who has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Jonathan Bailey be appointed to the Benton County Parks and Recreation Board to serve a four (4) year term, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of October 2025 that Johnathan Bailey be appointed to a position on the Benton County Parks and Recreation Board, to serve a four (4) year term on said Board, beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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. 20251020-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jody Mock to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to serve a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board it will be necessary to appoint a new member, and

WHEREAS, Jody Mock is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, who has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Jody Mock be appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to serve a four (4) year term, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of October 2025 that Jody Mock be appointed to a position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, to serve a four (4) year term on said Board, beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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. 20251020-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

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

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received a gift from TVA to purchase supplies;

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 TVA Contributions & Gifts \$12,500.00

71100 429 TVA Instructional Supplies \$12,500.00

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. 20251020-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from the Public Schools Security Grant to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the Public School Security 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

46980 SEC	Public School Security Grant	\$42,366.49
72620 790 SEC	Other Equipment	\$42,366.49

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. 20251020-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from Healthier Schools Challenge Grant to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the Tennessee Healthier Schools Challenge 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 & Gifts	\$8,000.00
72120 429	Health Services Supplies	\$8,000.00

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. 20251020-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds received from Health Students Strong Learners Grant to proper line items in the school budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the Health Students Stronger Learners 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

46980	HSSL Grant	\$2,000.00
72120 399	Health Services Contracted Services	\$ 500.00
72120 524	Health Services In-Service	200.00
72120-735	Health Services Equipment	1,300.00

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. 20251020-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and approval to allow parties to donate time and supplies to construct a “Catio” structure on the existing Animal Shelter.

WHEREAS, Citizens have expressed a desire to donate labor, time and materials to construct a “Catio” on the back of the existing Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, this structure would allow cats to enter and exit the cat room at their leisure while still being in a secure area; and

WHEREAS, this structure will be constructed at no cost to the county:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Benton County Commission meeting in regular session on October 20th, 2025 approves the construction of the above named and described structure

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. 20251020-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to commit up to \$800,000 in grant match funding toward a \$2 million dollar DRA CIF (Delta Regional Authority Critical Infrastructure Fund) for sewer utility extension to serve the Smith property, located on Highway 70 and the Highway 70 Bypass, Camden, Tennessee, and other economic development projects.

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Smith property was funded 95% by the State of Tennessee's Site Development Grant and infrastructure development will increase the marketability and value of the asset; and

WHEREAS, match funding will only be utilized if the DRA CIF is received;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 20th day of October, 2025, that \$800,000 be committed in grant match funding, to be utilized should the grant be awarded.

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. 20251020-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, authorizing Mayor Ward to apply for and execute contracts in relation to a Discover business Credit Card for the Benton County Highway Department.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Highway Department has a need for a credit card in order to purchase needed parts and supplies, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ward asks for permission to apply for and execute contracts for a Discover Credit Card on behalf of the Benton County Highway department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of October, 2025 that;

1. The Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to apply on behalf of Benton County and the Highways Department for a Discover Credit Card
2. That should said application be approved by Discover, the Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to execute contracts or other necessary documents, which may be required to signify acceptance of the credit card offer.

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. 20251020-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 20, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 38,877.87 received from reimbursable grants to the airport budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport received reimbursements from the state; and

WHEREAS, these payments have been receipted in and need to be budgeted to expenditure accounts; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests that these funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	\$ 545.00
189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	\$ 25,010.00
189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	\$ 13,322.87

INCREASE:

189.91110.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 38,877.87
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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