



Office of the Mayor
BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

1 Court Square, Room 102
Camden, TN 38320

April 20, 2026

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

The Board of Benton County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, April 20, 2026** 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 – Ronald Lowe to speak on Flock Cameras – Aileen Davis to speak on Flock Cameras – Robert Jackson to speak on Flock Cameras
 - 3) Commissioners Forum
 - 4) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations
 - 5) Acknowledgement of Audit Committee Minutes
 - 6) Approval of Minutes
 - 7) Report of Public Utilities

- 8) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 21,191.05 received from Federal funds for the previous expenses from Covid Disaster Relief to the school's budget. (20260420-01)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 received from the Advancing Mental Health Pilot Grant to the school's budget. (20260420-02)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,851.21 received from a School Nutrition State Match to the school's budget. (20260420-03)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the school's nutrition budget. (20260420-04)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 609.30 to proper expenditure line item within the Jail's Budget to fund updating the hard drives for the jail system with Securitas Technology. (20260420-05)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 21,783.33 to proper expenditure line items within the Sheriff's Budget to fund installing a video workstation for the Sheriff's Office due do expiration of BVMS maintenance coverage and licensing fees up to date with Securitas Technology. (20260420-06)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1904.41 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260420-07)
- 15) RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260420-08)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1600.00 received from revenues collected in March of 2026. (20260420-09)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 received from a recruitment and retention grant. (20260420-10)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$10,400.00 received from a recruitment and retention grant. (20260420-11)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3105.00 to the Benton County Trustee's payroll in order to be properly funded and finish out the remainder of the fiscal year. (20260420-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 265.00 received from donations, to a proper line item for expenditure in the Animal Shelter Budget. (20260420-13)
- 21) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3953.00 to cover an invoice from Workers' Compensation service fees. (20260420-14)

- 22) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$1150.00 to the Benton County Clerk's payroll in order to be properly funded. (20260420-15)**
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 150,000.00 for funding a 100% reimbursable grant for Benton County Ag Extension. (20260420-16)**
- 24) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover water bills for the remaining fiscal year. (20260420-17)**
- 25) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from grants in the amount of \$ 210,051.61 to the airport's budget. (20260420-18)**
- 26) A RESOLUTION, by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 8609.17 to the Mayor's Budget to cover an expected shortfall in a payroll line item. (20260420-19)**
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3995.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item to pay for County Commission voting software and permission to enter into any related agreements. (20260420-20)**
- 28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to create a full-time Manager position for the ballfields at the Benton County Sports Complex and adopt rules and regulations. (20260420-21)**
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 8000.00 to cover funding budget line items for the ballpark manager position for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20260420-22)**
- 30) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 to the airport's budget to cover a shortfall in Aviation Fuel. (20260420-23)**
- 31) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek commission approval to enter into an agreement for two copiers/printers/scanners for the Benton County Sheriff's Office and Jail to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 680.00 for this purpose. (20260420-24)**
- 32) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of donated real property and improvements from the Benton County School System for the purpose of providing office space for the Carl Perkins Center for the prevention of child abuse. (20260420-25)**
- 33) Appointing Notaries**
- 34) Any Other Business**
- 35) Adjourn**

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 21,191.05 received from Federal funds for the previous expenses from Covid Disaster Relief to the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received Federal funds for previous expenses from Covid (Disaster Relief);

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

INCREASE

47230	Disaster Relief	\$21,191.05
72620.717	Maintenance Equipment	\$21,191.05

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. 20260420-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 received from the Advancing Mental Health Pilot Grant to the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the Advancing Mental Health Pilot 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	Advancing Mental Health Pilot Grant	\$5,000.00
72130.499	Other Student Support Supplies/Materials	\$5,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
 by _____
 On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
 _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,851.21 received from a School Nutrition State Match to the school's budget.

WHEREAS: USDA has made available more funds within the School Food Service (143) account in the form of a School Nutrition State Match.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following budget amendment:

INCREASE

46520 State Matching \$ 12,851.21

INCREASE

73100-355 Travel \$ 2,000.00
73100-370 Contracts for Sub Teachers \$ 5,851.21
73100-399 Other Contracted Services \$ 1,000.00
73100-524 In-Service/Staff Development \$ 4,000.00

TOTAL \$ 12,851.21

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded

by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed

_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 300,000.00 to the school's nutrition budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the one-time expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the Benton County School Nutrition budget;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Education to approve the following budget amendment:

DECREASE - Revenue

34570	Fund Balance	\$ 300,000.00
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INCREASE - Expenditures

73100.710	Food Service Equipment	\$ 300,000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded

by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed

_____ Absent

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 609.30 to proper expenditure line item within the Jail's Budget to fund updating the hard drives for the jail system with Securitas Technology.

WHEREAS, Benton County Sheriff's Dept. has entered into an agreement with Securitas Technology to provide the equipment to update the system,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 609.30 into the appropriate line item within the jail's budget in order to cover the approved purchases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$ 609.30 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 609.30
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.336	Maintenance and Repair Services – Equipment	\$ 609.30
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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

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1904.41 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, Payments in the amount of \$ 1904.41 have been received from insurance reimbursements on wrecked vehicles and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to move said funds into an expenditure line item for proper expenditure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:	Amount:
101.49700 Insurance Recovery	\$ 1904.41
	\$1904.41

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:	
101.58400.338 Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$ 1904.41
	\$1904.41

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
 by _____
 On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
 _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to be used for officer training, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff Department Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows.

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$30,000.00
		\$30,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.524	Inservice/Staff Development	\$25,000.00
101.54110.355	Travel	\$5,000.00
		\$30,000.00

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. 20260420-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1600.00 received from revenues collected in March of 2026.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$1600.00 for the month of March, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$1600.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff Department Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$1600.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues for the month of March, 2026 be budgeted as follows.

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$150.00
101.46290	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1450.00
		\$1600.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.499	Other Supplies & Materials	\$150.00
101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$1450.00
		\$1600.00

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. 20260420-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 3,000.00 received from a recruitment and retention grant.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received \$3,000.00 in revenues from a recruitment and retention grant for salary supplements, and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.47250	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$3,000.00
		\$3,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements (Ginarose Neff)	\$3,000.00
		\$3,000.00

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. 20260420-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,400.00 received from a recruitment and retention grant.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee offers a Recruitment and Retention Grant that supplements deputies' salaries and,

WHEREAS, A Grant invoice was submitted to and approved by the state in the amount of \$10,400.00 and payment was received on 3/12/2026 and,

WHEREAS, It will be necessary to budget \$10,400.00 to the proper expenditure line item for payment to deputies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$10,400.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$10,400.00
		\$10,400.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$10,400.00
		\$10,400.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3510.00 to the Benton County Trustee’s payroll in order to be properly funded and finish out the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of a long-time employee, and hiring of a new employee, funds will need to be appropriated to cover costs associated with Benton County Trustee’s Payroll, and;

WHEREAS, Mayor Ward requests that the funds, as outlined below, be appropriated for these purposes, 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 April, 2026 that the following funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 3510.00
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INCREASE:

101.52400.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 3105.00
101.52400.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 167.40
101.52400.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 176.85
101.52400.212	MEDICARE	\$ 39.15
101.52400.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 21.60

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. 20260420-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$1150.00 to the Benton County Clerk's payroll in order to be properly funded.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Clerk's office is seeking to name an employee Assistant Deputy Chief, and their budget is projected to have minor shortfalls, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these line items, it is necessary and prudent to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1150.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 1150.00
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INCREASE:

101.52500.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 1000.00
101.52500.212	MEDICARE	\$ 14.50
101.52500.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 65.50
101.52500.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 62.00
101.52500.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 8.00

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. 20260420--17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover water bills for the remaining fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the expenditure line item for water bills; and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 in order to cover this expenditure; 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, April 2026 that funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	\$ 4000.00
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INCREASE:

101.51800.454	WATER & SEWER	\$ 4000.00
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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

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from grants in the amount of \$ 210,051.61 to the airport’s budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received reimbursement on several grants in the amount of \$ 210,051.61 from the State of Tennessee; and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to budget these funds to a proper line item to allow for expenditure; 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 April, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590 OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE \$ 210,051.61

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 210,051.61

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. 20260420-19

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
APRIL 20,2026**

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION, by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 8609.17 to the Mayor’s Budget to cover an expected shortfall in a payroll line item.

WHEREAS, upon an employee’s exit, the Benton County Mayor’s Office compensated a former employee for their vacation balance, and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget funds in the amount of \$ 8609.17 to the appropriate payroll line item within the Mayor’s Budget to complete the fiscal year, 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 April 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$ 8609.17 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 8609.17
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INCREASE:

101.51300.161	SECRETARIES	\$ 7486.23
101.51300.212	MEDICARE	\$ 108.55
101.51300.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 490.35
101.51300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 464.15
101.51300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 59.89

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. 20260420-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3995.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item to pay for County Commission voting software and permission to enter into any related agreements.

WHEREAS, Benton County's voting software license has expired; and

WHEREAS, funds need to be appropriated and budgeted to a proper line item to pay for the Open Meeting Technologies software license; 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 April 2026 that permission is given to enter into any needed agreements with Open Meeting Technologies concerning the above referenced software and service and that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$3995.00
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INCREASE:

101.51100.312	CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE AGENCIES	\$3995.00
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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

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-21

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to create a full-time Manager position for the ballfields at the Benton County Sports Complex and adopt rules and regulations.

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Committee requests the Benton County Commission to approve the Standard Operating Procedure, Benton County Softball League Annual Facility Contract, and Benton County Sports Complex Park Manager job description duties and responsibilities.

WHEREAS, seeing a need for more consistent maintenance and upkeep at the Benton County Sports Complex and upon the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board, Mayor Mark Ward requests a full-time position; and,

WHEREAS, this position will ensure the daily running, upkeep and cleaning of buildings, general grounds upkeep, trash removal and other duties as needed; 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 April, 2026 that a full-time position will be available beginning passage of this resolution, along with adopting the Standard Operating Procedures, Benton Count Softball League Annual Facility Contact, and Benton County Sports Complex Park Manager duties and responsibilities guide.

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. 20260420-22

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 8000.00 to cover funding budget line items for the ballpark manager position for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund the expenditure account, it is necessary and prudent to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 8000.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of April, 2026, that the following funds be transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

56700.189 OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES \$ 8,000.00

INCREASE:

56700.105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR \$ 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. 20260420-23

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 to the airport's budget to cover a shortfall in Aviation Fuel.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport requires additional funds to cover a shortfall in the purchase of Aviation Fuel; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget \$30,000.00 for this purpose; 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 April, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 30,000.00

INCREASE:

101.58220.425 GASOLINE \$ 30,000.00

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. 20260420-24

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek commission approval to enter into an agreement for two copiers/printers/scanners for the Benton County Sheriff’s Office and Jail to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 680.00 for this purpose.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fund two new Bizhub C3321i Copiers/Printers/Scanners for the Benton County Sheriff’s Office and Jail; and,

WHEREAS, this equipment is vital to the operations of these offices; and,

WHEREAS, this equipment will be leased for the remaining of the fiscal year with the sum of \$ 185.00 per month with a one-time filing fee of \$ 125.00 totaling \$ 680.00; and,

WHEREAS, the county commission will need to grant Mayor Ward authority to enter into any needed agreement for this equipment and appropriate and budget funds for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of April, 2026 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be given authority to enter into agreement as needed for the above-described equipment and that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 680.00
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INCREASE:

101.54110.330	LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 340.00
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101.54210.330	LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 340.00
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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

RESOLUTION NO. 20260420-25

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

April 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward authorizing the acceptance of donated real property and improvements from the Benton County School System for the purpose of providing office space for the Carl Perkins Center for the prevention of child abuse.

WHEREAS, the Benton County School System has identified certain real property and a building located at 120 Briarwood Street, Camden, TN as surplus to its current needs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6-2006, a local board of education is permitted to transfer surplus real property to the county for public use without the requirement of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County School System has offered to donate said property to Benton County, Tennessee, subject to the specific stipulation and restrictive term that the office space therein be utilized by the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 5-8-101 authorizes Benton County to accept donations of real property subject to conditional terms, provided such terms are approved by a majority vote of the county legislative body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this 20th day of April 2026, as follows:

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

COUNTY