



Office of the Mayor
BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

1 Court Square, Room 102
Camden, TN 38320

May 18, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Mark Ward, County Mayor

The Board of Benton County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, May 18, 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
 - 3) Commissioners Forum
 - 4) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations
 - 5) Approval of Minutes
 - 6) Report of Public Utilities
 - 7) Approval of Releasing the Trustee of Benton County from the 2024 Tax Aggregate of \$8,568,410
 - 8) **A RESOLUTION** by Director of Schools Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$ 23,140.23 within the school's budget. (20260518-01)
 - 9) **A RESOLUTION** by Director of Schools Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 255,000 within the school's budget. (20260518-02)

- 10) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover funding of County Commissioner's payroll for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20260518-03)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$14,418.25 to various Benton County Offices in order to be properly funded and finish out the remainder of the fiscal year. (20260518-04)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 360.11 received from miscellaneous refunds to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260518-05)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$15000.00 to cover funding of autopsies for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20260518-06)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$6225.00 received from the City of Camden to the library budget. (20260518-07)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$165,487.64 received from the Wortham Masonry Invoice Terminal Renovation Grant to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260518-08)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$16,000 to a proper line item for expenditures related to ARPA within the Capital Projects Fund budget. (20260518-09)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$10,408.97 to cover a projected shortfall in Jail Medical Claims. (20260518-10)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$3300.00 received from the Sex Offender Registry to appropriate line items in the Sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20260518-11)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$35.00 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure. (20260518-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$325.00 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure. (20260518-13)
- 21) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of \$72,600.00 within the Jails Budget to address expected shortfalls within payroll line items. (20260518-14)
- 22) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of \$76,000.00 within the Sheriff's Budget to address expected shortfalls within payroll line items. (20260518-15)

23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 within the Sheriff's Budget to cover a short-fall in overtime pay for the jail. (20260518-16)

24) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$8500.00 to cover water bills for the Benton County Jail for the remainder of the fiscal year. (20260518-17)

25) Appointing Notaries

26) Any Other Business

27) Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 20260518-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Director of Schools Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$ 23,140.23 within the school's budget.

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 722	Regular Instruction Equipment	\$10,353.01
71300 730	Vocational Equipment	\$12,787.22

DECREASE

71100 189	Regular Instruction Other Salaries	\$ 3,599.98
71100 201	Social Security	428.78
71100 204	Retirement	407.89
71100 212	Medicare	100.36
71100 471	Instructional Software	5,816.00
71300 116	Vocational Salaries	10,015.70
71300 201	Social Security	675.09
71300 204	Retirement	1,813.18
71300 212	Medicare	157.90
71300 399	Other Contracted Services	125.35

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

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Director of Schools Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$255,000 within the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The State Department of Education has funded a Summer Learning Camp;

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 SLC	Other State Education Funds	\$210,000.00
47590 SLC	Other Federal Thru State	45,000.00

INCREASE

71100 116 SLC	Teachers	\$ 67,700.00
71100 163 SLC	Educational Assistants	15,360.00
71100 201 SLC	Social Security	5,151.00
71100 204 SLC	State Retirement	7,104.00
71100 212 SLC	Medicare	1,205.00
71100 217 SLC	Hybrid Retirement	688.00
71100 399 SLC	Other Contracted Services	6,250.00
71100 429 SLC	Instructional Supplies	2,500.00
72120 131 SLC	Health Services Medical Personnel	5,400.00
72120 201 SLC	Social Security	335.00
72120 204 SLC	State Retirement	486.00
72120 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	79.00
72120 217 SLC	Hybrid Retirement	56.00
72130 123 SLC	Other Student Support Guidance	5,000.00
72130 201 SLC	Social Security	311.00
72130 204 SLC	Retirement	450.00
72130 212 SLC	Medicare	73.00
72130 217 SLC	Hybrid Retirement	51.00
72210 105 SLC	Regular Instruction Supervisor	10,000.00
72210 201 SLC	Social Security	620.00
72210 204 SLC	Retirement	900.00
72210 212 SLC	Medicare	145.00
72410 104 SLC	Principals	12,000.00
72410 119 SLC	Accountants/Bookkeepers	4,000.00
72410 139 SLC	Assistant Principal	10,000.00
72410 161 SLC	Secretaries	4,000.00
72410 162 SLC	Clerical Personnel	4,000.00
72410 201 SLC	Social Security	2,109.00
72410 204 SLC	State Retirement	2,770.00
72410 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	494.00
72410 217 SLC	Hybrid Retirement	223.00
72610 166 SLC	Custodial Personnel	7,840.00
72610 201 SLC	Social Security	488.00

72610 204 SLC	State Retirement	515.00
72610 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	114.00
72710 105 SLC	Transportation Supervisor	2,000.00
72710 142 SLC	Mechanics	6,000.00
72710 146 SLC	Bus Drivers	18,000.00
72710 201 SLC	Social Security	1,612.00
72710 204 SLC	Retirement	2,195.00
72710 212 SLC	Medicare	378.00
72710 315 SLC	Contracts with Vehicle Owners	6,000.00
72710 412 SLC	Diesel Fuel	23,497.00
73100 105 SLC	Cafeteria Supervisor	2,000.00
73100 165 SLC	Cafeteria Personnel	11,920.00
73100 201 SLC	Social Security	864.00
73100 204 SLC	State Retirement	915.00
73100 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	202.00
73100 422 SLC	Food Supplies	1,000.00

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. 20260518-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$14,418.25 to various Benton County Offices in order to be properly funded and finish out the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, funds will need to be appropriated to cover costs associated with Benton County offices' payroll shortage, 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 18th day of May, 2026 that the following funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 1208.65
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INCREASE:

101.51300.119	ACCOUNTANTS	\$ 1051.00
101.51300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 65.16
101.51300.212	MEDICARE	\$ 15.24
101.51300.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 68.84
101.51300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 8.41

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 477.17
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INCREASE:

101.51500.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 415.00
101.51500.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 25.73
101.51500.212	MEDICARE	\$ 6.02
101.51500.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 27.10
101.51500.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 3.32

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 2795.65
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INCREASE:

101.51600.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 2431.00
101.51600.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 150.72
101.51600.212	MEDICARE	\$ 35.25
101.51600.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 159.23
101.51600.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 19.45

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 1434.05
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INCREASE:

101.51800.105	DIRECTOR	\$ 1247.00
101.51800.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 77.31
101.51800.212	MEDICARE	\$ 18.08
101.51800.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 81.68
101.51800.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 9.98

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 5447.18
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INCREASE:

101.53100.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 4735.43
101.53100.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 293.60
101.53100.212	MEDICARE	\$ 68.92
101.53100.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 311.35
101.53100.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 37.88

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 93.15
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INCREASE:

101.55120.103	ASSISTANTS	\$ 81.00
101.55120.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 5.02
101.55120.212	MEDICARE	\$ 1.17
101.55120.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 5.31
101.55120.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 0.65

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 2105.65
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INCREASE:

101.56300.105	DIRECTOR	\$ 1831.00
101.56300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 113.52
101.56300.212	MEDICARE	\$ 26.55
101.56300.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 119.93
101.56300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 14.65

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 763.60
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INCREASE:

101.58220.167	MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL	\$ 664.00
101.56300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 41.17
101.56300.212	MEDICARE	\$ 9.63
101.56300.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 43.49
101.56300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 5.31

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 93.15

INCREASE:

101.55710.149 LABORERS \$ 81.00
101.56300.201 SOCIAL SECURITY \$ 5.02
101.56300.212 MEDICARE \$ 1.17
101.56300.204 RETIREMENT \$ 5.31
101.56300.210 UNEMPLOYMENT \$ 0.65

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. 20260518-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$360.11 received from miscellaneous refunds to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Senior Citizens Office was issued a refund from their Wal-Mart credit card account totaling \$360.11 and must be budgeted to the proper line-item for future expenditure; 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 May, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$360.11 be budgeted in the following manner:

INCREASE REVENUES :

101.44170 MISCELLANEOUS REFUND \$ 360.11

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.56300.422 FOOD SUPPLIES \$ 360.11

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. 20260518-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$6225.00 received from the City of Camden to the library budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library has received funds in the amount of \$6225.00 for City of Camden allocation/contribution collected in the month of April (4th quarter fiscal year) 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$6225.00 within the library 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 May 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$6225.00 received by the Benton County Library for the City of Camden allocation/contribution received for the month of April (4th quarter fiscal year) 2026 be budgeted as the following:

INCREASED REVENUES:

101.48130 CONTRIBUTIONS (City of Camden Allocation) \$ 6225.00

INCREASED EXPENDITURES

101.56500.169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL \$ 6225.00

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. 20260518-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$165,487.64 received from the Wortham Masonry Invoice Terminal Renovation Grant to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received a payment of \$165,487.64 from a Terminal Renovation Grant; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to budget these funds to a proper line item to allow for expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the 18th day of May, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE:

189.47590 OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE \$ 165,487.64

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 165,487.64

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. 20260518-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$16,000 to a proper line item for expenditures related to ARPA within the Capital Projects Fund budget.

WHEREAS, Benton County has identified a need to fulfill obligations related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that was previously anticipated in the current fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly utilize these funds, they must be appropriated to a proper expenditure line item;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the 18th day of May, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 16,000.00

INCREASE:

171.91110.308 CONSULTANTS \$ 16,000.00

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. 20260518-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$10,408.97 to cover a projected shortfall in Jail Medical Claims.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Jail has identified a shortfall of funds in the line item used to pay inmate medical bills; and

WHEREAS, additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund it for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the 18th day of May 2026 that funds in the amount of \$10,408.97 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000 Unassigned Fund Balance \$10,408.97

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.507 Medical Claims \$10,408.97

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. 20260518-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 3300.00 received from the Sex Offenders Registry to appropriate line items in the sheriff's budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$3300.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the SOR 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 May, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$3300.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee -- Sheriff	\$3300.00
		\$3300.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	Other Charges	\$2200.00
101.54160.358	Remittance of Revenues	\$1100.00
		\$3300.00

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

**COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
MALIN**

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA

RESOLUTION NO. 20260518-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$35.00 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$35.00 for the month of April, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$35.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Jail’s 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 May, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$35.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$35.00
		\$35.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.499	Other Supplies & Materials	\$35.00
		\$35.00

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. 20260518-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$325.00 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$325.00 for the month of April 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$325.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff’s 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 May, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$325.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues for the month of April 2026 be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds – (Tow Bill)	\$325.00
		\$325.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$325.00
		\$325.00

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. 20260518-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of \$72,600.00 within the Jails Budget to address expected shortfalls within payroll line items.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff expects a shortfall of funds within various payroll line items; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds from the unassigned fund balance line items to cover an expected payroll expense for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of May, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE FUND BALANCE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$72,600.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.105	SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR(s)	\$3,000.00
101.54210.110	LIEUTENANT(s)	3,500.00
101.54210.115	SERGEANT(s)	20,000.00
101.54210.133	PARAPROFESSIONALS	5,000.00
101.54210.160	GUARDS	35,000.00
101.54210.165	CAFETERIA PERSONNEL	3,000.00
101.54210.167	MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL	3,100.00

TOTAL		\$72,600.00
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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. 20260518-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of \$76,000.00 within the Sheriff's Budget to address expected shortfalls within payroll line items.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff expects a shortfall of funds within various payroll line items; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds from the unassigned fund balance line items to cover an expected payroll expenses for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of May, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE FUND BALANCE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$76,000.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.105	SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR(s)	\$25,000.00
101.54110.108	INVESTIGATOR(S)	12,000.00
101.54110.110	LIEUTENANT(s)	8,000.00
101.54110.115	SERGEANT(s)	25,000.00
101.54110.133	PARAPROFESSIONALS	3,000.00
101.54110.161	SECRETARY	3,000.00

TOTAL	\$76,000.00
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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. 20260518-16

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUDGET AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES**

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 within the Sheriff's Budget to cover a short-fall in overtime pay for the jail.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department has identified a shortfall of funds in various line items, and

WHEREAS, Additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund them for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$25,000.00
		\$25,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.187	Overtime Pay	\$25,000.00
		\$25,000.00

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. 20260518-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 18, 2026

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$8500.00 to cover water bills for the Benton County Jail for the remainder of the 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 \$8500.00 in order to cover this expenditure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of, May 2026 that funds in the amount of \$8500.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE \$ 8500.00

INCREASE:

101.54210.454 WATER AND SEWER \$ 8500.00

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