



Office of Benton County
Mayor Mark Ward

BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

21 North Forrest Avenue
Camden, TN 38320

June 15, 2026

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

The Board of Benton County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, June 15, 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) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to amend Resolution 20260518-04. (20260615-01)**
 - 8) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$2800.00 to cover a projected shortfall in Jail Medical Claims. (20260615-02)**

- 9) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Sheriff's Department. (20260615-03)**
- 10) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$15,500.25 various airport grants to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260615-04)**
- 11) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 25000.00 to cover a projected shortfall for services rendered by the County Attorney. (20260615-05)**
- 12) **A RESOLUTION to appropriate and budget \$10,000.00 to the County Building Maintenance Fund in order to finish out the remainder of the fiscal year. (20260615-06)**
- 13) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the amount of \$300.00 to the Property Assessor's budget to cover a projected shortfall in Postal Charges. (20260615-07)**
- 14) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 to cover funding of the coroner for the remainder of the fiscal year. (20260615-08)**
- 15) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Trevor Rabehl to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to fill the remainder of an unexpired term. (20260615-09)**
- 16) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds to cover funding benefit line items for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20260615-10)**
- 17) **A Resolution by Mayor Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$600.00 to cover a short fall in the Sanitation Management budget for Waste Tire Disposal. (20260615-11)**
- 18) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1200.00 to the General Sessions Judge's Budget to cover a projected shortfall in the Deputies line item. (20260615-12)**
- 19) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 200.00 received from Damages Recovered from Individuals. (20260615-13)**
- 20) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 300.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee. (20260615-14)**
- 21) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Communication line item. (20260615-15)**

- 22) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to fund a reimbursable grant from the state for salaries and wages. (20260615-16)**
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. 920260615-17)**
- 24) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$1,740.99 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260615-18)**
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Data Processing Services line item. (20260615-19)**
- 26) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 464.00 to cover a shortfall in the Health Dept. Custodial Personnel payroll line item. (20260615-20)**
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Animal Shelter Part-time Personnel payroll line item. (20260615-21)**
- 28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 to cover funding of county employee's health insurance for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20260615-22)**
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$12,961.67 from the unassigned fund balance to an expenditure line item within the Jail's department budget, for the purchase of a walk-in freezer/cooler. (20260615-23)**
- 30) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Jail's budget. (20260615-24)**
- 31) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, Mayor of Benton County, TN, is seeking permission to sale a portion of a 234.99-acre tract of county owned real property located at the Benton County Industrial Park on Divider Natchez Trace Road, reserving unto the county all timber rights, and retaining a perpetual easement for access and utilities. (20260615-25)**
- 32) A RESOLUTION OF THE BENTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY APPROVING CHAPTER 73 OF THE PRIVATE ACTS OF 2026. (20260615-26)**

33) Appointing Notaries

34) Any Other Business

35) Adjourn

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RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to amend Resolution 20260518-04.

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2026, the Benton County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 20260518-04 to appropriate funds to various Benton County offices for payroll purposes; and

WHEREAS, the original resolution contained incorrect account line-item numbers that require correction to ensure proper bookkeeping; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the exact financial result intended by Resolution No. 20260518-04, the Benton County Mayor requests that the Board of Commissioners approve corrections to the specific account line-item numbers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that Resolution No. 20260518-04 be amended to correct and transfer funds within the proper account line items as follows:

101.56300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	CHANGE TO	101.58220.201
101.56300.212	MEDICARE	CHANGE TO	101.58220.212
101.56300.204	RETIREMENT	CHANGE TO	101.58220.204
101.56300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	CHANGE TO	101.58220.210

101.56300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	CHANGE TO	101.55710.149
101.56300.212	MEDICARE	CHANGE TO	101.55710.201
101.56300.204	RETIREMENT	CHANGE TO	101.55710.204
101.56300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	CHANGE TO	101.55710.210

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. 20260615-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$2800.00 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 15th day of June 2026 that funds in the amount of \$2800.00 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$2800.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.507 JAIL MEDICAL CLAIMS \$2800.00

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. 20260615-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Department requires additional funds for the purchase of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund this purchase, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 30,000.00
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INCREASE:

101.54110.425	GASOLINE	\$ 30,000.00
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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. 20260615-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$15,500.25 received from various grants to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received a payment of \$15,500.25 from a Terminal Restoration Grant and Windsock Beacon 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 this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590 OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE \$ 15,500.25

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 15,500.25

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. 20260615-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 25000.00 to cover a projected shortfall for services rendered by the County Attorney.

WHEREAS, Benton County is in receipt of invoices from the county attorney for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the current funds budgeted for this purpose are projected to be insufficient for properly funding these and future services; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that funds in the amount of \$ 25000.00 be appropriated and budgeted for the purpose of meeting this obligation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th Day of June 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 25000.00

INCREASE:

101.51400.331 LEGAL SERVICES \$ 25000.00

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. 20260615-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee & Property Committees

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION to appropriate and budget \$10,000.00 to the County Building Maintenance Fund in order to finish out the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure proper funding of county buildings maintenance, additional funds must be appropriated to finish out the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 be appropriated as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,000
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INCREASE:

101.51800.335	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR - BUILDINGS	\$ 10,000
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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. 20260615-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the amount of \$300.00 to the Property Assessor's budget to cover a projected shortfall in Postal Charges.

WHEREAS, due to the increased cost of postage this year, the Benton County Property Assessor's postage line is projected to experience a shortfall, and

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item for the remainder of the fiscal year, it is necessary to transfer funds in the amount of \$300.00 for this purpose;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

52300.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 300.00
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INCREASE:

52310.348	POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 300.00
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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. 20260615-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 to cover funding of the coroner for the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the coroner payroll line item, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these items, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,000.00
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INCREASE:

101.54610.199	CORONER-OTHER PER DIEM AND FEES	\$ 9,000.00
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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. 20260615-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Trevor Rabehl to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to fill the remainder of an unexpired term.

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Colleen Tighe, it will be necessary to fill this position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, and;

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Trevor Rabehl be appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for the remainder of the unexpired term with an ending date of April 2029,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th Day of June, 2026 that Trevor Rabehl be appointed to a position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board.

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. 20260615-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds to cover funding benefit line items for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund the benefit line items, it is necessary and prudent to transfer funds for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds be transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

54610.312	Contracts Private Agencies	\$200.00
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INCREASE:

54610.201	Social Security	\$200.00
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DECREASE:

54610.312	Contracts Private Agencies	\$100.00
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INCREASE:

54610.212	Medicare	\$100.00
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DECREASE:

55110.204	Retirement	\$35.00
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INCREASE:

55110.201	Social Security	\$35.00
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DECREASE:

55110.204	Retirement	\$65.00
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INCREASE:

55110.210	Unemployment	\$65.00
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DECREASE:

55110.204	Retirement	\$10.00
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INCREASE:

55110.212	Medicare	\$10.00
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DECREASE:

55720.204	Retirement	\$60.00
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INCREASE:

55720.210	Unemployment	\$60.00
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DECREASE:

56300.204	Retirement	\$70.00
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INCREASE:

56300.210	Unemployment	\$70.00
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DECREASE:

56500.204	Retirement	\$600.00
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INCREASE:

56500.201	Social Security	\$600.00
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DECREASE:

56500.204	Retirement	\$150.00
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INCREASE:

56500.212	Medicare	\$150.00
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DECREASE:

53310.349 Printing, Stationery, and Forms \$1242.00

INCREASE:

53310.201 Social Security \$1242.00

DECREASE:

53310.709 Data Processing Equipment \$70.00

INCREASE:

53310.204 Retirement \$70.00

DECREASE:

53310.709 Data Processing Equipment \$32.00

INCREASE:

53310.210 Unemployment \$32.00

DECREASE:

53310.709 Data Processing Equipment \$290.00

INCREASE:

53310.212 Medicare \$290.00

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. 20260615-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A Resolution by Mayor Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$600.00 to cover a short fall in the Sanitation Management budget for Waste Tire Disposal.

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Management budget will experience a shortfall in the line for Other Contracted Services (Waste Tires), and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, the Benton County Mayor requests that funds in the amount of \$600.00 be appropriated to the Sanitation Management budget, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$600.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 600.00
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INCREASE:

101.55710.399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES-WASTE TIRES	\$ 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. 20260615-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 200.00 received from Damages Recovered from Individuals.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$ 200.00 for the month of May, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$ 200.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff Department's Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of June, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$ 200.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of May, be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$200.00
		\$200.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.499	Other Supplies & Materials	\$200.00
		\$200.00

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. 20260615-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 300.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$ 300.00; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$ 300.00 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 15th day of June, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$300.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of May, 2026 be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee- Sheriff	\$ 300.00
		\$ 300.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	Other Charges	\$ 200.00
101.54160.358	Remittance of Revenues Collected	\$ 100.00
		\$ 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. 20260615-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Communication line item.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.307	Communications	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

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. 20260615-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to fund a reimbursable grant from the state for salaries and wages.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee offers a reimbursable grant through the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, which pays salaries for deputies working saturation work details, and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget \$1,000.00 to the proper expenditure line item, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$1000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46920	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1000.00
		\$1000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$1000.00
		\$1000.00

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. 20260615-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 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 \$15,000.00 from grants to be used for officer training; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$15,000.00 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 15th day of June, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$15,000.00
		\$15,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.355	Travel	\$ 1,000.00
101.54110.187	Overtime Pay	\$14,000.00
		\$15,000.00

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. 20260615-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$1,740.99 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 \$1,740.99 has 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 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

Decrease Revenues:		Amount:
101.49700	Insurance Recovery	\$1,740.99
		\$1,740.99
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.58400.338	Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$1,740.99
		\$1,740.99

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. 20260615-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Data Processing Services line item.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department has identified a shortfall of funds in the Data Processing Services line item, and;

WHEREAS, additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund Data Processing Services for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.317	Data Processing Services	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

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. 20260615-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 464.00 to cover a shortfall in the Health Dept. Custodial Personnel payroll line item.

WHEREAS, a shortfall has been identified in the payroll line item for the Health Dept. Custodial Personnel; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary that funds be appropriated and budgeted into the proper line item; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of June, 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 464.00

INCREASE:

101.55110.166 CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL \$ 464.00

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. 20260615-21

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Animal Shelter Part-time Personnel payroll line item.

WHEREAS, a shortfall has been identified in the payroll line item for Animal Shelter Part-time Personnel; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary that funds be transferred into the proper line item; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th Day of June, 2026 that funds be transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

101.55120.105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR \$ 2000.00

INCREASE:

101.55120.169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL \$ 2000.00

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. 20260615-22

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 to cover funding of county employee's health insurance for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in the medical insurance line item 58600.207 in the amount of \$52,289.15; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 for this purpose, and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 52,289.15

INCREASE:

101.58600.207 MEDICAL INSURANCE \$ 52,289.15

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. 20260615-23

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET, PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$12,961.67 from the unassigned fund balance to an expenditure line item within the Jail’s department budget, for the purchase of a walk-in freezer/cooler.

WHEREAS, Benton County Jail urgently requires a walk-in freezer/cooler and has formally declared an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, funds need to be appropriated and budgeted in the amount of \$12,961.67 for the purchase of a walk-in freezer/cooler based on a quote from Mid-America Refrigeration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
171.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance – Capital Projects	\$12,961.67
		\$12,961.67

Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
171.91110.710	Food Service Equipment	\$12,961.67
		\$12,961.67

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

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-24

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Jail’s budget.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff’s Department – Jail’s Budget has identified a shortfall of funds in the Maintenance & Repair Service-Equipment line item; 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 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$5,000.00
		\$5,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.335	Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
		\$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

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-25

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget & Property Committees

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, Mayor of Benton County, Tennessee, seeking permission to sell a portion of a 234.99-acre tract of County owned real property located at the Benton County Industrial Park on Divider Natchez Trace Road, reserving unto the County all timber rights, and retaining a perpetual easement for access and utilities.

WHEREAS, Benton County, Tennessee is the owner of a certain tract of real property located at Divider Natchez Trace Road, (known as the Benton County Industrial Park) and further identified as Parcel ID 084 074.00; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Commission has determined that selling approximately 60.395 acres of the Property is in the best economic interest of the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to convey the underlying land but explicitly intends to retain ownership of all standing timber currently located on the Property, along with the right to harvest said timber; and

WHEREAS, the County requires a perpetual, non-exclusive 30-foot easement across a portion of the Property for the purposes of ingress, egress, utilities, and timber management access, the exact location of the said easement is to be determined; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Camden, Tennessee, on this 15th day of June 2026, as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SALE. The Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee hereby authorizes the sale of the land conveying the Property to Jeff Belisle (the "Purchaser") for the total consideration of \$1500.00 per acre, and Purchaser agrees to provide a survey, subject to the reservations, restrictions, and easements set forth herein.

SECTION 2. RESERVATION OF TIMBER RIGHTS. The County hereby explicitly reserves unto itself, its successors, and assigns, all right, title, and interest in and to all timber, logs, and trees of every species, size, and description currently standing, growing, or lying upon the Property for a period of one year.

SECTION 3. RETENTION OF EASEMENT. The County hereby retains and reserves a perpetual, non-exclusive easement over a strip of land to be described in detail to identify its location and dimensions in the Statutory Warranty Deed (or Quitclaim Deed, if applicable) and/or Easement Agreement and/or any other closing documents necessary to effectuate this transaction. This easement is retained for the purposes of:

- a.) installation, maintenance, and repair of public or private utilities; and
- b.) Conducting timber harvesting and forest management activities authorized under Section 2.

The Purchaser, their heirs, and assigns shall not construct any permanent structures, plant deep-rooted trees, or place obstructions within the Easement Area that would interfere with the County's exercise of its rights.

SECTION 4. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS. The Mayor of Benton County, Tennessee is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Statutory Warranty Deed (or Quitclaim Deed, if applicable), an Easement Agreement, and any other closing documents necessary to effectuate this transaction, provided all such documents incorporate the strict reservations mandated by this Resolution and are approved as to form by the County Attorney.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, as the public welfare requires 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. 20260615-26

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY PRIVATE ACTS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Private Acts Committee & Budget Committee

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BENTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY APPROVING CHAPTER 73 OF THE PRIVATE ACTS OF 2026.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted Chapter 73 of the Private Acts of 2026, generally relative to providing Benton County, Tennessee with a modern and efficient system for the management of County finances, including, but not limited to, budgeting, investment oversight, debt management, and cash management oversight; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 18 and Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Private Act requires local approval to become operative; and

WHEREAS, said Private Act mandates that local approval be executed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of this Legislative Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Camden, Tennessee, on this 15th day of June 2026, as follows:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF ACT: Chapter 73 of the Private Acts of 2026 is hereby formally approved, ratified, and adopted in its entirety.

SECTION 2. CERTIFICATION: The Presiding Officer of this Legislative Body is authorized and directed to promptly certify the results of this approval and adoption to the Tennessee Secretary of State pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-3-202.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, as the public welfare requires 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