Office of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward

Benton County Tennessee

21 N. Forrest Avenue
Camden, TN 38320

November 16, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Mark Ward, County Mayor

The Board of Benton County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, November 16, 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) Speaker, Lori Matlock, Chamber of Commerce – Tourism Update

6) Approval of Minutes - Special Called - October 8, 2026 and regular monthly meeting - October 19, 2026

7) Report of Public Utilities

8) A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $570.00 to the Schools Budget received from the Department of Education for a Youth Risk Behavior Survey. (20261116-01)

9) A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $3,418.39, received from TN Risk Management, for reimbursement for storm damage. (20261116-02)

10) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $21,174.86 received from the Public School Security Grant. (20261116-03)**

11) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $118,000.00 from the school's fund balance to the school's budget for expenditures on Food Service Equipment. (20261116-04)**

12) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $927.49 received from Damages Recovered from Individuals. (20261116-05)**

13) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $150.00 received from Sex Offenders Registry to appropriate line items in the sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20261116-06)**

14) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to budget funds in the amount of$284.12 received from Sysco Corporation, unclaimed Property Notification refund. (20261116-07)**

15) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds in the amount of $12.73 from Miscellaneous Refunds to Colonial Life. (20261116-08)**

16) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds from Miscellaneous Refunds to Payroll Deduction Great West. (20261116-09)**

17) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds in the amount of $1,582.38 from Insurance Recovery to Capital Outlay Highway Equipment. (20261116-10)**

18) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of $8,612.50 received by the Benton County Library from the City of Camden to a proper line item for expenditure. (20261116-11)**

19) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from an airport grant in the amount of $25,000.00 to the airport's budget. (20261116-12)**

20) **A RESOLUTION sponsored by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget a $5000.00 contribution to the Vision Of Hope Cancer Foundation for a one-time donation. (20261116-13)**

21) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds to an expenditure line in the amount of $9,580.76 to make a payment to the ARPA Broadband Accessibility Grant, Tech Goes Home. (20261116-14)**

22) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to negotiate a long term $0 lease with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) for use of the Benton County property on Mt. Carmel Road (control map 077 parcel 024.02) for construction and operation of a two-way radio public safety communications tower and equipment shelter. (20261116-15)

23) A RESOLUTION of the Benton County Board of Commissioners updating and adopting the Rules of Order and Procedure for the legislative body. (20261116-16)

24) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from an airport grant in the amount of $56,645.68 to the airport's budget. (20261116-17)

25) A RESOLUTION OF THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO EXEMPT THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FROM THE APPLICATION OF STATEWIDE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ONE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B) (20261116-18)

26) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $481,893.00 to an expenditure account line for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) E911 communication equipment grant. (20261116-19)

27) Appointing Notaries

28) Any Other Business

29) Adjourn

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BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

197 Briarwood Street | Camden, Tennessee 38320

Mark Florence
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Marilyn Fowler, CCFO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

FUND 141 – GENERAL PURPOSE

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $570.00 to the Schools Budget received from the Department of Education for a Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received funds from the Department of Education for a Youth Risk Behavior Survey;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows:

INCREASE

141 46590	Other State Ed Funds	$570.00
141 72130 322	Other Student Support Evaluation/Testing	$570.00

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed_____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

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FUND 141 – GENERAL PURPOSE

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $3,418.39, received from TN Risk Management, for reimbursement for storm damage.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received funds from TN Risk Management for reimbursement for storm damage;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows:

INCREASE

141 49700	Insurance Recovery	$3,418.39
141 76100 399	Capital Projects Contracted Services	$3,418.39

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

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FUND 141 – GENERAL PURPOSE

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $21,174.86 received from the Public School Security Grant.

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

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows:

INCREASE

141 46980 SEC	Public School Security Grant	$21,174.86
141 72620 790 SEC	Maintenance of Plant-Other Equipment	$21,174.86

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

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BENTON COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Mark Florence
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Michele Wright
SCHOOL NUTRITION SUPERVISOR

FUND 143 – SCHOOL NUTRITION

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $118,000.00 from the school's fund balance to the school's budget for expenditures on Food Service Equipment.

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

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

DECREASE - Revenue

143-34570-	Fund Balance	$ 118,000.00

INCREASE - Expenditures

143-73100-710	Food Service Equipment	$ 118,000.00

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $927.49 received from Damages Recovered from Individuals.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of $927.49 for the month of October, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of $927.49 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Jail's Department Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of November, 2026 that the funds in the amount of $927.49 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of October, 2026 be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	$927.49
		$927.49

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.499	Other Supplies & Materials	$927.49
		$927.49

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

On a Roll Call Vote_____ Voted Aye _____ Voted Nay _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED: **ATTEST:**

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

Resolution NO. 20261116-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $150.00 received from 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 $150.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the SOR budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026 that the funds in the amount of $150.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues to be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee - Sheriff	$150.00
		$150.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	Other Charges	$100.00
101.54160.358	Remittance of Revenues	$50.00
		$150.00

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. 20261116-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to budget funds in the amount of$284.12 received from Sysco Corporation, unclaimed Property Notification refund.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of $284.12 to an appropriate expenditure account with in the Jail's Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026 that the funds in the amount of $284.12 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues to be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	$284.12
		$284.12

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.422	Food Supplies	$284.12
		$284.12

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED: **ATTEST:**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR BRIAN HICKS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds in the amount of $12.73 from Miscellaneous Refunds to Colonial Life.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Highway Department received $12.73 in a Colonial Life Insurance refund check due to Charles Fullerton vacating his position; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to budget these funds into the Colonial Life account to be refunded to Charles Fullerton; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

131.44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	$12.73

INCREASE:

131.21345	COLONIAL LIFE	$12.73

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED: **ATTEST:**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR BRIAN HICKS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds from Miscellaneous Refunds to Payroll Deduction Great West.

WHEREAS, Benton County Highway Dept received $50.00 in 401k Empower refund; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to budget these funds into the Payroll Deduction/Great West account to meet the operational needs of the department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of November 16, 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

131.44170	MISCELLANOUS REFUND	$50.00

INCREASE:

131.21391	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS/GREAT WEST	$50.00

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO 20261116-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR BRIAN HICKS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds in the amount of $1,582.38 from Insurance Recovery to Capital Outlay Highway Equipment.

WHEREAS, Benton County Highway Department received $1,582.38 in insurance recovery funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to budget these funds into the Highway Equipment Capital Outlay account to meet the operational needs of the department; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:		
131.49700	INSURANCE RECOVERY	$1,582.38
INCREASE:		
68000.714	CAPITAL OUTLAY-HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	$1,582.38

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED: **ATTEST:**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of $8,612.50 received by the Benton County Library from the City of Camden to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library has received funds in the amount of $8,612.50 for city of Camden allocation/contribution collected in the month of October 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of $8,612.50 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 16th day of November 2026 that the funds in the amount of $8,612.50 received by the Benton County Library for city of Camden allocation/contribution received for the month of October 2026 be budgeted as the following:

INCREASED REVENUES:

101.48130	CONTRIBUTIONS (City of Camden Allocation)	$8,612.50

$8,612.50

INCREASED EXPENDITURES

101.56500.169	PART-TIME PERSONNEL	$8,612.50

$8,612.50

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from an airport grant in the amount of $25,000.00 to the airport's budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received reimbursement for the Perimeter Fence Grant in the amount of **$25,000.00** from the State of Tennessee.

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 16th day of November 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	$ 25,000.00

INCREASE:

189.91110.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	$ 25,000.00

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION sponsored by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget a $5000.00 contribution to the Vision Of Hope Cancer Foundation for a one-time donation.

WHEREAS, the Vision of Hope Cancer Foundation is a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing essential support, financial assistance, and care to cancer patients and their families within Benton County; and

WHEREAS, public health, safety, and the general welfare of citizens afflicted with cancer are matters of significant public interest, and supporting organizations that alleviate these burdens serves a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Commission desires to support these localized charitable efforts to help alleviate the financial and emotional hardships faced by local cancer patients.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$5000.00

INCREASE:

101.58500.316	CONTRIBUTIONS	$5000.00

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds to an expenditure line in the amount of $9,580.76 to make a payment to the ARPA Broadband Accessibility Grant, Tech Goes Home.

WHEREAS, Benton County needs to make a payment in the amount of $9,580.76 for expenditures related to the ARPA Broadband Accessibility Grant; and,

WHEREAS, these funds need to be budgeted to a proper line item for expenditure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of November, 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$9,580.76

INCREASE:

171.91140.709	DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	$9,580.76

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO 20261116-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to negotiate a long term $0 lease with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) for use of the Benton County property on Mt. Carmel Road (control map 077 parcel 024.02) for construction and operation of a two-way radio public safety communications tower and equipment shelter.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security owns and operates a statewide two-way radio system known as the Tennessee Advanced Communications Network (TACN).

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, Tennessee State Parks, and the Tennessee Department of Corrections all use the TACN network for daily two-way radio communications across the State in their daily operation to serve the public safety needs of its citizens.

WHEREAS, TDOSHS owns, operates and maintains the TACN network for its own public safety agencies and partners with local government entities and utilities for shared tower use.

WHEREAS, TDOSHS has created the TACN EMS network that supports rural ambulance providers and County Emergency Medical Service personnel across the State of Tennessee via operation on the TACN network.

WHEREAS, TDOSHS has started construction for a new two-way communication tower behind the Benton County Electric Big Sandy sub-station that will be completed by the end of March 2027.

WHEREAS, Benton County Electric has equipped its vehicle fleet with vehicle-mounted radios that operate on the TACN network.

WHEREAS, TACN desires to expand its two-way radio coverage in Benton County to provide reliable handheld radio coverage for the TACN network in Benton County.

WHEREAS, the proposed Mt. Carmel Rd tower would provide coverage to both State of Tennessee and Benton County two-way radio users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026, that Mayor Mark Ward is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a long-term, zero-dollar ($0) lease agreement with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) for the use of the Benton County property located on Mt. Carmel Road (identified as control map 077 parcel 024.02).

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO 20261116-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: ALL COMMITTEES

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION of the Benton County Board of Commissioners updating and adopting the Rules of Order and Procedure for the legislative body.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Commissioners requires structured governance to conduct public business in an orderly, efficient, and transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, the current rules governing the procedures and conduct of the Board of Commissioners require periodic updates to align with current best practices and state legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, a revised set of Rules of Order and Procedure has been prepared and presented to the Board of Commissioners for review, consideration, and formal adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026, that:

1. **Adoption of Rules:** The Board of Commissioners hereby updates, approves, and officially adopts the newly revised Rules of Order and Procedure as the governing procedures for all future meetings and sessions of this legislative body.

2. **Effective Date:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from an airport grant in the amount of $56,645.68 to the airport's budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received reimbursement for the Terminal Renovation Grant in the amount of $56,645.68 from the State of Tennessee.

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 16th day of November 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	$ 56,645.68

INCREASE:

189.91110.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	$ 56,645.68

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

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COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: ALL COMMITTEES

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO EXEMPT THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FROM THE APPLICATION OF STATEWIDE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ONE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B)

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-120-101(a) directs the State Fire Marshal to promulgate rules establishing minimum statewide building construction safety standards, which, under T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(A), apply to one-family and two-family dwellings unless otherwise provided by statute; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B)(i) provides that the statewide standards relative to one-family and two-family dwellings do not apply in any county whose legislative body, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, adopts a resolution exempting the county from the application of those standards, with any such action by the county legislative body limited to the jurisdictional boundaries outside any municipality located within the county; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B)(ii)(b) provides that such a resolution expires one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the election for the local legislative body next occurring after its adoption, but that an earlier expiration date may be stated in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(D) preserves the right of the owner of any building, structure, or premises located in an exempted area to request that the State Fire Marshal inspect the building, structure, or premises to determine whether it meets the statewide codes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Benton County for the statewide standards not to apply to one-family and two-family dwellings located within the unincorporated areas of Benton County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of November 2026, that:

SECTION 1. Exemption. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B), the statewide building construction safety standards adopted under Title 68, Chapter 120, Part 1, of the Tennessee Code Annotated shall not apply to one-family and two-family dwellings located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Benton County, Tennessee, outside any municipality located within the county.

SECTION 2. Scope. This resolution applies only to the unincorporated areas of Benton County. It does not affect any municipality located within Benton County, and it does not affect the application of the statewide standards to any building or structure other than one-family and two-family dwellings.

SECTION 3. Expiration. This resolution shall expire one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date of the next regular county general election at which members of the Benton County Commission are elected occurring after the adoption of this resolution, unless sooner reversed by resolution of this body pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(C). This earlier expiration date is established as permitted by T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B)(ii)(b). In no event shall this resolution remain in effect beyond the latest expiration date permitted by T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B)(ii)(b).

SECTION 4. Prior Resolutions. Any prior resolution adopted by this body pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B), to the extent it remains in effect, is superseded and replaced by this resolution.

SECTION 5. Notice to the State Fire Marshal. Upon approval of this resolution, the chairperson of the Benton County Commission shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the action taken, as required by T.C.A. § 68-120-101(b)(1)(B)(i), and the County Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____. Adoption requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eighteen (18) member Commission, or twelve (12) affirmative votes.

ADOPTED this _____ day of November 2026.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____

MARK WARD, County Mayor WANDA MALIN, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 20261116-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $481,893.00 to an expenditure account line for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) E911 communication equipment grant.

WHEREAS, Benton County has successfully applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of $481,893.00 for the acquisition of E911 communication equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Benton County Emergency Communications District (E911) has formally agreed to provide and pay any matching funds for which the county may be held liable under the terms of said grant; and,

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this communications equipment directly impacts the public safety, emergency response capabilities, and general welfare of the citizens of Benton County; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent that these funds be officially appropriated and budgeted into specific expenditure line items before payments can be legally authorized and facilitated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2026, that the following budget amendment be authorized and funded as follows:

DECREASE:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	**$481,893.00**

INCREASE:

171.91110.308	CONSULTANTS	**$25,300.00**
171.91110.790	OTHER EQUIPMENT	**$456,593.00**
	TOTAL	***$481,893.00***

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