

BENTON COUNTY FEBRUARY 18, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 P.M.

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher or Deputy

Invocation was led by Keith Arnold and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marty Douglas

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 13 Present and 5 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Gary Furr, Frank Lashlee, Rocky Presson, and Phil Melton)

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

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 appoint Keith Arnold to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027. (20250218-01)
- 8) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Sonny Hall to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027. (20250218-02)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Amy Cates to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027. (20250218-03)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Stacey Hicks to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027. (20250218-04)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to request permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Benton County Industrial Board (IDB) in regards to funding and cooperative efforts to further the economic interests of Benton County. (20250218-05)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures for a Property Tax incentive program relating to the negotiation and acceptance of payments in lieu of Ad Valorem tax with respect to certain facilities located in Benton County, Tennessee, and finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305. (20250218-06)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures relating to the implementation of Tax Increment Incentive Transactions that may be undertaken by the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton. (20250218-07)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 176,167.50 received from TISA Funds to the school's budget. (20250218-08)
- 15) A RESOLUTION of the County Mayor and County Commission of Benton County, Tennessee authorizing the submission of an application(s) for FY 2025 State Community Development Block Grant Funds. (20250218-09)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Christopher, authorizing Mayor Mark Ward to apply for and execute contracts in relation to a Tractor Supply Company business Credit Card. (20250218-10)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,171.00, received from various sources in the month of January 2025 to the Sheriff's Budget. (20250218-11)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval from the Benton County Commission to enter into a contract with The SpyGlass Group, LLC to perform an audit for potential service cost reductions for Benton County. (20250218-12)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1600.00 received from state recruitment and retention grant to an expenditure line item for salary supplements. (20250218-13)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$2,488.52 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20250218-14)
- 21) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare a portion of the county owned land parcel 074.00 for the purpose of constructing a firearms shooting range. (20250218-15)
- 22) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item and designate the funds as match funds for securing a grant offered by the NRA for the construction of a shooting range. (20250218-16)
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$16,770.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for newly hired officers and replacing expired vests for currently employed officers. (20250218-17)

- 24) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$900.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing Tac -PH bullet proof vests for newly hired officers. (20250218-18)
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the general fund to an expenditure line item to fund the purchase of uniforms for newly hired deputies. (20250218-19)
- 26) Appointing Notaries
- 27) Any Other Business
- 28) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Fowler- Suspending the Rules: Address the Benton County Senior Citizen Center Building

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY FINANCE ADVISOR OR PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ward, Sheriff Kenny Christopher, and Chief Deputy Jeff Arnold- Proclamation present to Bryanna Beckham and Judy Akers in memory of the late Deputy Michael Lockhart

Mayor Ward- Addressed the Benton Co. Senior Citizens in attendance regarding the recent termination of the Benton County Senior Citizen Center's Administrator; Schedule meeting time to be held at the Benton County Senior Citizen Center Building to address any concerns and/or questions that the senior citizens might have

APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Arnold for the approval of minutes. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Keith Arnold to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027.

WHEREAS, Due to expiration of term, it is necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Ag Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Keith Arnold is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, and has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and;

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that, effective immediately, Keith Arnold be appointed to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of February 2024 that, Keith Arnold be appointed to a two (2) year term on the Benton County Ag Committee, ending January 17, 2027.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250218-01. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Arnold), and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Sonny Hall to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027.

WHEREAS, Due to expiration of term, it is necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Ag Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Sonny Hall is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, and has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and;

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that, effective immediately, Sonny Hall be appointed to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of February 2024 that, Sonny Hall be appointed to a two (2) year term on the Benton County Ag Committee, ending January 17, 2027.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20250218-02. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Hall), and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Amy Cates to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027.

WHEREAS, Due to expiration of her term, it is necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Ag Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Amy Cates is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, has served honorably on the Ag committee and has expressed a willingness to continue to serve our community, and;

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that, effective immediately, Amy Cates be reappointed to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of February 2024 that, Amy Cates be reappointed to a two (2) year term on the Benton County Ag Committee, ending January 17, 2027.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250218-03. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Stacey Hicks to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term ending in January 17, 2027.

WHEREAS, Due to expiration of her term, it is necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Ag Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Stacey Hicks is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, has served honorably on the Ag committee and has expressed a willingness to continue to serve our community, and;

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that, effective immediately, Stacey Hicks be reappointed to the Benton County Ag Committee for a two (2) year term, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of February 2024 that, Stacey Hicks be reappointed to a two (2) year term on the Benton County Ag Committee, ending January 17, 2027.

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

Motion was made Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20250218-04. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to request permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Benton County Industrial Board (IDB) in regards to funding and cooperative efforts to further the economic interests of Benton County.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Industrial Board (IDB), and the Economic Development Director Jennifer Wheatley have been a tremendous asset to the county's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent that the Benton County Government support the Director and the IDB in their tireless efforts on behalf of the Citizens of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent that a Memorandum of Understanding, memorializing these commitments be entered into; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposed Memorandum of Understanding has been provided to the Benton County Commission for review; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests from the Benton County Commission permission and authority to enter into this memorandum on behalf of Benton County; 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 February, 2025 that the Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be granted permission and authority to enter into the above-described Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Benton County.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20250218-05. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures for a Property Tax incentive program relating to the negotiation and acceptance of payments in lieu of Ad Valorem tax with respect to certain facilities located in Benton County, Tennessee, and finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Governing Body") of Benton County, Tennessee (the "County") has met pursuant to proper notice; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Governing Body Policies and Procedures for a Property Tax Incentive Program, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, relating to certain types of projects described in the Policies and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policies and Procedures, the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton (the "Board") will be authorized to negotiate and accept from lessees payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes as provided in and subject to the limitations of such Policies and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305(b) authorizes the County to delegate to the Board the authority to negotiate and accept from the lessees of the Board payments in lieu of ad valorem tax upon the finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Board as defined in said Code Section, and the Governing Body is authorized to make the same delegation to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to approve the Policies and Procedures and to delegate to the Board the authority to negotiate and accept from lessees of the Board payment in lieu of ad valorem taxes in accordance with such Policies and Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, as follows:

1. The Governing Body hereby finds that the negotiation and acceptance by the Board of payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes consistent with the Policies and Procedures are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Board as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305, and the Governing Body hereby consents to the Board negotiating and accepting such payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from lessees in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the Policies and Procedures.

2. The Governing Body hereby approves the Policies and Procedures.

3. All other resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in immediate effect from and after its adoption.

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. 20250218-06 Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

A Resolution by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures relating to the implementation of Tax Increment Incentive Transactions that may be undertaken by the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton.

WHEREAS, Benton County, Tennessee (the "County") has duly caused the incorporation pursuant to Sections 7-53-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Act") of the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board is authorized to provide certain tax increment incentives to pay or finance certain eligible costs relating to types of projects identified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide guidance to the Board with respect to undertaking any tax increment incentive as to any project located in the County, the Board has requested the County to approve policies and procedures relating to such incentives; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt the Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Policies and Procedures") pursuant to 9-23-107 of the Uniformity in Tax Increment Financing Act of 2012, for the purpose of providing guidance to the Board and to applicants for tax increment incentives as to the County's consideration and administration of tax increment incentive transactions undertaken by the Board as to projects within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, as follows:

SECTION 1. Approval. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Policies and Procedures on behalf of the County.

SECTION 2. Definitions. The County shall comply with the Policies and Procedures for the purpose of providing guidance to the Board and to applicants for tax increment financing as to the procedure the County intends to use in the consideration and administration of tax increment incentive transactions described in economic plans submitted by the Board to the County, but the County retains the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or disapprove any economic impact plan submitted by the Board.

SECTION 3. Separability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions and Effective Date. All other resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in immediate effect from and after its adoption.

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. 20250218-07 Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 176,167.50 received from TISA Funds to the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received TISA Outcomes Allocation funds from the state;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commission to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows;

INCREASE

46510	TISA	\$176,167.50
72130 599	Other Student Support Other Charges	\$ 5,000.00
72210 524	Regular Instruction Inservice/Staff Dev.	25,000.00
72230 207	Vocational Insurance	1,000.00
72250 207	Technology Insurance	3,000.00
72310 599	Board Other Charges	5,000.00
72410 207	Office of Principal Insurance	16,000.00
72510 207	Fiscal Services Inservice/Staff Dev.	2,000.00
72610 410	Custodial Supplies	10,000.00
72610 599	Custodial Other Charges	10,000.00
72620 336	Maintenance Repair Equipment	10,000.00
72620 338	Maintenance Repair Vehicles	3,000.00
72620 399	Maintenance Other Contracted Services	10,000.00
72620 418	Maintenance Equipment & Machinery Parts	10,000.00
72620 499	Maintenance Other Supplies & Materials	16,167.50
76100 399	Capital Outlay Other Contracted Services	20,000.00
76100 712	Capital Outlay Heating & Air	30,000.00

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20250218-08. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 18, 2025

A Resolution of the County Mayor and County Commission of Benton County, Tennessee authorizing the submission of an application(s) for FY 2025 State Community Development Block Grant Funds.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development administers the Community Development Block Grant Program that was established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives as set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Benton County acting by and through its County Mayor and County Commission proposes to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of performing eligible community development activities that will benefit residents of Benton County.

WHEREAS, Benton County will provide local financial support in conjunction with the CDBG funds to complete the eligible project(s); and

WHEREAS, an applicant of State CDBG funds is required to comply with program guidelines and federal statutes and regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by its County Mayor and County Commission of Benton County, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of February, 2025, as follows:

THAT, Mark Ward, County Mayor, or successor in title, is hereby authorized to submit an application to the State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development, requesting Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, for Public Health and Safety Project(s); and

THAT, Benton County will be responsible for the local cash/match to be provided in full by the general account; and

THAT, Mark Ward, County Mayor, or successor in Title, be and is hereby designated and authorized to sign the application(s) and contract or grant documents for receipt and to take all actions necessary to implement and complete grant activities on behalf of Benton County, Tennessee

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20250218-09. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

February 18, 2025

A Resolution by Sheriff Christopher, authorizing Mayor Mark Ward to apply for and execute contracts in relation to a Tractor Supply Company business Credit Card.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department has run into difficulties procuring the proper feed for K-9 units when it is needed and due to these procurement difficulties, the Sheriff feels that it is necessary to set up another vendor that can supply the dog food brand that we feed, and

WHEREAS, Tractor Supply Company is the only other company with a local facility that stocks the product we need, but they only offer a credit card option for business accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that;

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

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20250218-10. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,171.00, received from various sources in the month of January 2025 to the Sheriff's Budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$1,171.00 for the month of January, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$1,171.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Department and Jail budgets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$1,171.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of January, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$21.00
101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$1,150.00
		\$1,171.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$1,150.00
101.54210.499	Other Supplies and Materials	\$21.00
		\$1,171.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

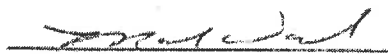
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20250218-11. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval from the Benton County Commission to enter into a contract with The SpyGlass Group, LLC to perform an audit for potential service cost reductions for Benton County.

WHEREAS, The SpyGlass Group, LLC provides audit services with the goal of reducing costs of services for the county; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this audit service will result in substantial future savings to Benton County; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposed agreement has been provided to the Benton County Commission for Review; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ward believes that it is reasonable and prudent to enter into an agreement with The SpyGlass Group, LLC to provide audit services to Benton County; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ward seeks approval and authority from the Benton County Commission to enter into this contract/agreement on behalf of Benton County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 18th day of February, 2025, that Mayor Mark Ward is granted approval and authority to enter into the above referenced contract/agreement with The SpyGlass Group, LLC.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve Resolution No. 20250218-12. On a roll call vote 0 Ayes, 13 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Failed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1600.00 received from state recruitment and retention grant to an expenditure line item for salary supplements.

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

WHEREAS, a Grant invoice was submitted to and approved by the state in the amount of \$1,600.00 and payment was received on 01/21/2025 and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate \$1,600.00 to the proper expenditure line item for payment to deputies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$1,600.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46290	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1,600.00
		\$1,600.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$1,600.00
		\$1,600.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to amend Resolution No. 20250218-13 (See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250218-13). On a roll call vote 13Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250218-13*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20250218-13

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY BUDGET AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

An Amendment to delete all language following the header, and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1600.00 received from state recruitment and retention grant to an expenditure line item for salary supplements for School Resource Officers (SRO).

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

WHEREAS, a Grant invoice was submitted to and approved by the state in the amount of \$1,600.00 and payment was received on 01/21/2025 and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate \$1,600.00 to the proper expenditure line item for payment to SRO deputies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$1,600.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46290	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1,600.00
		\$1,600.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$1,600.00
		\$1,600.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250218-13 (*See Above Amended Resolution No. 20250218-13*). On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$2,488.52 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 \$2,488.52 have been received from insurance reimbursements on wrecked vehicles and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.49700	Insurance Recovery	\$2,488.52
		\$2,488.52
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.58400.338	Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$2,488.52
		\$2,488.52

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 0250218-14. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare a portion of the county owned land parcel 074.00 for the purpose of constructing a firearms shooting range.

WHEREAS, Benton County owns a plot of land adjacent to the Industrial Park, totaling 234.99 acres, which would be well suited as a location to construct a shooting range, and

WHEREAS, Construction is planned to be partially funded by a grant offered by the NRA, which requires that the county have land designated as a location for a shooting range.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that a portion of land parcel 074.00, owned by Benton County, be approved and designated as the location of a shooting range.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250218-15. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item and designate the funds as match funds for securing a grant offered by the NRA for the construction of a shooting range.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department seeks to construct a shooting range partially funded by a grant offered by the NRA, and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 50% match, up to \$25,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.39000	Fund Balance	\$25,000.00
		\$25,000.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.54110.339	Matching Share	\$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

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Price to amend Resolution No. 20250218-16 (See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250218-16). On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250218-16*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20250218-16

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY BUDGET AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

An Amendment to delete all language following the header, and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the fund balance of Fund 101 to an expenditure line item and designate the funds as match funds for securing a grant offered by the NRA for the construction of a shooting range.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department seeks to construct a shooting range partially funded by a grant offered by the NRA, and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 50% match, up to \$25,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:	Amount:
101.39000 Fund Balance	\$25,000.00
	\$25,000.00
Increase Expenditures:	Amount:
101.54110.339 Matching Share	\$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

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250218-16. (See Above Amended Resolution No. 20250218-16). On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$16,770.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for newly hired officers and replacing expired vests for currently employed officers.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department has hired 10 new officers that need to be outfitted with bulletproof vests and has 2 current officers whose bulletproof vests need to be replaced and,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds were not appropriated to the Sheriff Department budget for this purpose during the budget process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
171.39000	Fund Balance	\$16,770.00
		\$16,770.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
171.91130.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$16,770.00
		\$16,770.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250218-17. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$900.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing Tac -PH bullet proof vests for newly hired officers.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department outfits Deputies with one style of bulletproof vests for everyday use and one style that can stop a rifle round and,

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department has hired new deputies and requires 5 new vests that can stop a rifle round to outfit the new hires.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
171.39000	Fund Balance	\$900.00
		\$900.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
171.91130.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$900.00
		\$900.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20250218-18. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the general fund to an expenditure line item to fund the purchase of uniforms for newly hired deputies.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department has hired 10 new Deputies and promoted 5 existing deputies to Fill vacated leadership positions within the Department this Fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the uniform budget appropriated during the budget process is insufficient to outfit new and newly promoted officers with the required uniforms

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.39000	Fund Balance	\$7,500.00
		\$7,500.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.54110.451	Uniforms	\$7,500.00
		\$7,500.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20250218-19. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Donna D. Duncan, Timothy S. Johnson, Sherry D. Collomp, Stacie N. Harris, Ronald O. Harris, and Eric Paul Sellers

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve notaries. On a voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Carries.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to Suspend the Rules to bring Resolution No. 20250218-20 to the floor. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250218-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,600.00 received from the POST Commission for Salary Supplements in the Sheriff's Budget.

WHEREAS, The Post commission offers a yearly salary supplement to deputies and,

WHEREAS, a Grant invoice was submitted to and approved by the state in the amount of \$9,600.00 and payment was received on 02/05/2025 and,

WHEREAS, It will be necessary to appropriate \$9,600.00 to the proper expenditure line item for payment to Deputies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of February, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$9,600.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$9,600.00
		\$9,600.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$9,600.00
		\$9,600.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20250218-20. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.



COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD



COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN