

BENTON COUNTY MARCH 17, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON MARCH 17, 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 Charlie Cooper and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Nunnery

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 13 Present and 5 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Gary Furr, Marty Douglas, Rocky Presson, and Sonny Hall)

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve a motion to amend the agenda. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend Agenda.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Arnold for approval of the agenda as amended. On a voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed for Amended Agenda.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

GUEST SPEAKERS/CITIZENS FORUM

Mr. Buck Carter, Benton County Highway Department Road Supervisor- Announcement of his decision to step down as road supervisor and that his last day would be June 30, 2025

Dr. Ken Berry- Filing a Petition in Compliance with Tennessee Ouster Law to remove Mr. Stephen Stokes, 1st District Commissioner for Benton County due to being absent for the past year and half

Mr. Michael White- Veteran and Representative for all Benton County Veterans, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign War would like to occupy the Old Senior Citizen Building once vacant; Also, be offered the same Lease Agreement Terms (1-Year for \$1.00 Dollar) as established for the current Benton County Senior Citizens

Mr. David Love- Resident of Benton County, Tennessee residing on Bethel Farm Loop Rd-Concerns and Issues regarding the current conditions of our roads, sewer systems, living conditions of people here Benton County and etc., Benton County needs Codes put in place; Property Taxes

Dr. Randy Shannon-Issues and Concerns on behalf of as few Benton County Citizens regarding procedures in purchasing First Bank Building

Mr. Ryan Hall, Benton County Property Assessor-Questions and Answers explaining Benton County's New Tax Appraisal(s)

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 Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to move funds in the amount of \$ 1853.00 within the Highway Department budget to cover a shortfall in Worker's Compensation Insurance. (20250317-01)**
 - 8) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 6,003.00 within the school's budget. (20250317-02)**
 - 9) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 40,000.00 within the school's budget. (20250317-03)**
 - 10) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 3,749.00 within the school's budget. (20250317-04)**
 - 11) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 16,941.00, received from TN Risk Management, to the school's budget. (20250317-05)**
 - 12) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 within the school's budget. (20250317-06)**
 - 13) A RESOLUTION, by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5350.00, received from the City of Camden, to the library budget. (20250317-07)**
 - 14) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1600.00, collected from court fees, to fund the purchase of a new laptop for the General Sessions/Circuit Clerk, as recommended by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Benton County IT. (20250317-08)**

- 15) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 496.89, received from DTF to the Sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20250317-09)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,000.00, received from a TLETA grant to the Sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20250317-10)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 479.00 received from various sources in the month of February 2025 to the Sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20250317-11)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to the Sheriff's budget for IT and computer services. (20250317-12)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to an appropriate expense account to cover repairs to the Jail's Backflow Prevention Device. (20250317-13)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek approval and authority to enter into an agreement with Pitney Bowes Company for the lease and associated services, of a postage machine in the Mayor's Office (used by multiple county offices), and to appropriate funds to cover this lease for the remainder of the fiscal year. (20250317-14)
- 21) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Guardian Advisors, LLC for debt service fees. (20250317-15)
- 22) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Community Development Partners. (20250317-16)
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5482.95, received from court fees, to a line item for expenditure to contribute to the newly established 24th Judicial District Recovery Court. (20250317-17)
- 24) Appointing Notaries
- 25) Any Other Business
- 26) Adjourn

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Bain-Building for Benton County Veterans; Benton County Property Tax
Commissioner Kiehn-Committee Meeting Minutes placed on Monthly Commission Meeting Agenda(s), Private Act, and a Capital Improvement Plan
Commissioner Arnold-Removal of 1st District Commissioner of Benton County, Mr. Stephen Stokes
Commissioner Nunnery- Mayor should have authority to designate and allocate office spaces for county owned buildings

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY FINANCE ADVISOR OR PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. James Warren Melton, Attorney for Benton County- Tennessee Unclaimed Property recovered approximately \$9,000.00 of unclaimed property to the appropriate departments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Arnold for the approval of the 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 Burke 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

******Chairman Rosanne K. Ward called for a Recess
from 7:19 p.m. until 7:35 p.m.******

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION, by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to move funds in the amount of \$ 1853.00 within the Highway Department budget to cover a shortfall in Worker's Compensation Insurance.

WHEREAS, due to an underestimation in the Worker's Compensation Insurance line item, there exists a shortfall in that line, and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to move funds within the Highway Department's Budget to cover this, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that these funds be transferred and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE

131.63100.424 GARAGE SUPPLIES \$ 1853.00

INCREASE

131.65000.513 WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE \$ 1853.00

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 Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250317-01. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 6,003.00 within the school’s budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget;

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

INCREASE

71200 399 SPRK	Special Education Contracted Services	\$6,000.00
72200 524 SPRK	Special Education In Service/Staff Development	3.00

DECREASE

71200 116 SPRK	Special Education Teachers	\$5,120.00
71200 201 SPRK	Special Education Social Security	313.00
71200 204 SPRK	Special Education Retirement	490.00
71200 212 SPRK	Special Education Medicare	80.00

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 Melton seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250317-02. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-03
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 40,000.00 within the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget;

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

INCREASE

72250 399	Technology Other Contracted Services	\$40,000.00
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DECREASE

71100 399	Instruction Other Contracted Services	\$40,000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250317-03. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-04
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 3,749.00 within the school’s budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget;

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

INCREASE

71200 370 PRA	Special Education Contract Subs	\$3,749.00
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DECREASE

72220 124 PRA	Special Education Psychological Personnel	\$3,210.00
72220 201 PRA	Special Education Social Security	200.00
72220 204 PRA	Special Education Retirement	289.00
72220 212 PRA	Special Education Medicare	50.00

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 Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250317-04. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-05
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 16,941.00, received from TN Risk Management, to the school’s budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received funds from TN Risk Management for flood damage to Briarwood School;

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

INCREASE

49700	Insurance Recovery	\$16,941.00
76100 707	Building Improvements	\$16,941.00

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 Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250317-05. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-06
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 within the school’s budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget (The state wants these funds moved to this object code);

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

INCREASE

72320 189	Office of Director Other Salaries & Wages	\$1,000.00
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DECREASE

72320 117	Office of Director Career Ladder	\$1,000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution 20250317-06. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION, by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5350.00, received from the City of Camden, to the library budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library has received funds in the amount of \$5,350.00 for city of Camden allocation/contribution collected in the months of February 2025; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$5,350.00 within the library budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$5,350.00 received by the Benton County Library for city of Camden allocation/contribution received for the months of February 2025 be budgeted as the following:

INCREASED REVENUES:

101.48130	CONTRIBUTIONS (City of Camden Allocation)	\$ 5,350.00
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\$ 5,350.00

INCREASED EXPENDITURES

101.56500.169	PART-TIME PERSONNEL	\$ 5,350.00
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\$ 5,350.00

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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Resolution 20250317-07. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-08
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1600.00, collected from court fees, to fund the purchase of a new laptop for the General Sessions/Circuit Clerk, as recommended by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Benton County IT.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Circuit Court Clerk requires funds for the purchase of a laptop computer; and

WHEREAS, this equipment has been deemed necessary to court operations by the Tennessee Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) and the Benton County Information Technology Specialist; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.34520 RESTRICTED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE \$ 1600.00

INCREASE:

101.53100.709 DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT \$ 1600.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250317-08. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-09
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 496.89, received from DTF to the Sheriff's budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received funds in the amount of \$496.89 as the Department's portion of funds generated from the sale of vehicles seized by the 24th Judicial District Drug Task Force, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$496.89 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$496.89 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

122.42865	Drug Task Force Forfeitures and Seizures	\$496.89
		\$496.89

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54150.401	Animal Feed and Supplies	\$496.89
		\$496.89

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250317-09. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-09*****

Correction to **Resolution No. 20250317-09** needed due to a typo error in drafting the **Original Resolution No.20250317-09** which was noticed by the Mayor's Office on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, and we were advised to correct the line item number from **101.54150.401** to the correct line item number which should have been **122.54150.401**.

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,000.00, received from a TLETA grant to the Sheriff's budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$12,000.00 from a TLETA cost sharing grant, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Department budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$12,000.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$12,000.00
		\$12,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.355	Travel	\$1,000.00
101.54110.524	In Service and Staff Development	\$11,000.00
		\$12,000.00

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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Resolution No. 20250317-10. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-11
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 479.00 received from various sources in the month of February 2025 to the Sheriff's budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$479.00 for the month of February, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$479.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Department, Jail, and SOR Budgets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$479.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of February, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee- Sheriff	\$150.00
101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$325.00
101.44560	Damages Recovered From Individuals	\$4.00
		\$479.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54150.599	Other Charges	\$150.00
101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$325.00
101.54210.421	Food Preparation Supplies	\$4.00
		\$479.00

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 Murphy to approve Resolution No. 20250317-11. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-11*****

Correction to Resolution No. 20250317-11 needed due to a typo error in drafting the Original Resolution No. 20250317-11 which was noticed by the Mayor's Office on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, and we were advised to correct the line item number from 101.54150.599 to the correct line item number which should have been 101.54160.599

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to the Sheriff's budget for IT and computer services.

WHEREAS, Brian Williams, CISSP provides IT work for the Benton County Sheriff Department, and

WHEREAS, the monthly bill for IT Services is dependent on the amount of active monitored email accounts, and

WHEREAS, due to increased staffing levels and the implementation of a backup system for the jail's Digital information, the monthly bill has increased from \$500.00 to \$704.50, and

WHEREAS, a monthly purchase order is written to Brian Willaims, and in order to increase the amount going forward, it is necessary to add additional funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 in order to cover the increased invoices for the rest of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,500.00
		\$1,500.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.317	Data Processing Services	\$1,500.00
		\$1,500.00

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 Price and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 20250317-12. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to an appropriate expense account to cover repairs to the Jail's Backflow Prevention Device.

WHEREAS, The Backflow prevention device failed City of Camden Water Department testing and requires repairs that total \$3,404.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:	Amount:
101.39000 Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
	\$4,000.00
Increase Expenditures:	Amount:
101.54210.335 Maintenance and Repair Services – Buildings	\$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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20250317-13. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-14
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek approval and authority to enter into an agreement with Pitney Bowes Company for the lease and associated services, of a postage machine in the Mayor's Office (used by multiple county offices), and to appropriate funds to cover this lease for the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, the postage machine, located in the Mayor's Office is in a state of disfunction and has become obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, this machine is vital to the operations of the county, and is utilized regularly by multiple offices, and;

WHEREAS, Pitney Bowes Company has agreed to lease the county a new replacement machine, and to remove the current one, and;

WHEREAS, Mayor Ward seeks approval and permission to enter into a contract with this company for this machine, and;

WHEREAS, the terms of this contact are a monthly charge of \$ 358.28 to the county, and;

WHEREAS, in addition to the above-mentioned permissions, it is also necessary to properly appropriate and budget funds this obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward be granted authority and permission to enter into an agreement, as described above and that funds in the amount of \$ 2700.00, be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 2700.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.51300.330	LEASE/SBITA PAYMENTS	\$ 2700.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 0250317-14. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Guardian Advisors, LLC for debt service fees.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the expenditure line for paying for fees related to debt service from Guardian Advisors, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 in order to cover this expenditure; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds in the be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE:

151.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 1500.00

INCREASE:

151.82330.699 OTHER DEBT SERVICE \$ 1500.00

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 Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve Resolution No. 20250317-15. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Community Development Partners.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the expenditure line for paying for services from Community Development Partners, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 in order to cover this expenditure; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds in the be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,000.00
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INCREASE:

171.91110.308	CONSULTANTS	\$ 4000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250317-16. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-17
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5482.95, received from court fees, to a line item for expenditure to contribute to the newly established 24th Judicial District Recovery Court.

WHEREAS, in the past, due to there being no Recovery Court in the 24th Judicial District, fees collected by the courts for this purpose were sent to the State of Tennessee, and;

WHEREAS, with the establishment of the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court, these funds will need to be remitted to that program, and;

WHEREAS, fees in the amount of \$5482.95 were collected in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for these purposes, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to properly budget these funds for an expenditure to the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$5482.95, be budgeted for expenditure as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.34520	RESERVED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	\$5482.95
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.55170.316	CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5482.95
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to amend Resolution No. 20250317-17 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250317-17*). 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. 20250317-17*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20250317-17

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

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5510.00, received from court fees, to a line item for expenditure to contribute to the newly established 24th Judicial District Recovery Court.

WHEREAS, in the past, due to there being no Recovery Court in the 24th Judicial District, fees collected by the courts for this purpose were sent to the State of Tennessee, and;

WHEREAS, with the establishment of the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court, these funds will need to be remitted to that program, and;

WHEREAS, fees in the amount of \$5510.00 were collected in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for these purposes, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to properly budget these funds for an expenditure to the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$5510.00, be budgeted for expenditure as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.34520 RESERVED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE \$5510.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.55170.316 CONTRIBUTIONS \$5510.00

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 Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250317-17 (*See Above Amended Resolution No. 20250317-17*). On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Rosanne Ward and Randy Shannon

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve notaries. On a voice vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Ward), and 5 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Burke to Suspend the Rules to bring Resolution No. 20250317-18, Resolution No. 20250317-19, and Resolution No. 20230317-20 to the floor. On a roll call vote 11 Ayes, 2 No (Kiehn and Price), and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-18
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to the airport's budget to cover a shortfall in revenue taxes.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport requires additional funds to cover a shortfall in payment of the required airport revenue tax; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget \$5000.00 for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 5000.00
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INCREASE:

101.58220.358	REMITTANCE OF REVENUES COLLECTED	\$ 5000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution No. 20250317-18. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-19
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to the airport's budget to cover a shortfall in Aviation Fuel.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget \$50,000.00 for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 50,000.00
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INCREASE:

101.58220.425	GASOLINE	\$ 50,000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250317-19. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250317-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3000.00 to the airport's budget to cover rental of a needed fuel truck for the remained of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport requires additional funds to cover the cost of the rental of a fuel truck from Titan for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget \$ 3000.00 for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 17th day of March, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 3000.00
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INCREASE:

101.58220.351	RENTALS	\$ 3000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution No. 20250317-20. 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 Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn 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 MARCH 17, 2025, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.



COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD



COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN