

BENTON COUNTY June 16, 2025

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JUNE 16, 2025 THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
@ 6:00 PM.**

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher or Deputy.

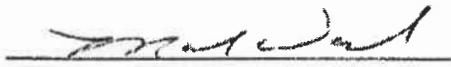
Invocation was led by Mike Nunnery and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Lashlee

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 15 Present and 3 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Marty Douglas, and Gary Furr)**

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 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 Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 500.00 received from various sources to appropriate line items in the sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20250616-01)
- 8) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to seek approval from the commission to authorize Mayor Mark Ward to apply and if approved execute contracts and perform other required functions on behalf of Benton County for the 2025 COPS Hiring Program Grant. (20250616-02)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval of a permit for use of real property by federal agency and permission to enter into a contract/agreement with local employees of the Department of Health and Human Services for use of county owned office space. (20250616-03)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek approval and passage of a Proposal for Acceptance from TDOT concerning the Fern Avenue, Bridge over Cane Creek (Camden). (20250616-04)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute contracts/agreements for the purchase of land currently owned by Lisa Higdon adjacent to the Benton County Airport for the purpose of future airport growth. (20250616-05)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute contracts/agreements for the purchase of land currently owned by Barbara and Stanley Deaton adjacent to the Benton County Airport for the purpose of future airport growth. (20250616-06)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget additional funds in the amount of \$ 248.92 to the Benton County Archives for the purchase of Archival Boxes. (20250616-07)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to cover a projected shortfall in Jail Medical Claims. (20250616-08)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3450.00 to cover a projected shortfall in the Trustee's payroll. (20250616-09)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 47,000.00 to cover funding the obligations of the Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) for the remainder of the fiscal year. (20250616-10)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,850.00 to cover funding of the Coroner/Medical Examiner for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20250616-11)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5100.00 to cover funding of autopsies for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20250616-12)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into Amendment 8 to the Agreement for EMS Service with Jackson-Madison County Hospital on behalf of Benton County. (20250616-13)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 500.00 to cover funding of County Commissioners payroll for the remainder of the current fiscal year. (20250616-14)
- 21) Appointing Notaries
- 22) Any Other Business
- 23) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

John Latting-Benton County Volunteers

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Rocky Presson
Dwayne Fowler
Debbie Bain
Keith Arnold
Kenneth Miller

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 500.00 received from various sources to appropriate line items in the sheriff's budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$500.00 for the month of May, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$500.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within Sheriff and SOR budgets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$500.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of May, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$200.00
101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee – Sheriff	\$300.00
		\$500.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$200.00
101.54160.599	Other Charges	\$200.00
101.54160.358	Remittance of Revenues	\$100.00
		\$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 Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250616-01. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to seek approval from the commission to authorize Mayor Mark Ward to apply and if approved execute contracts and perform other required functions on behalf of Benton County for the 2025 COPS Hiring Program Grant.

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice has Started accepting applications for the 2025 COPS hiring program grant, and

WHEREAS, if awarded, a maximum award of \$125,000.00 per officer over a five-year period would be available to pay for salaries. The local match for the grant is 25%.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025;

1. That the County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to apply on behalf of Benton County for the 2025 COPS hiring program offered by the US Department of Justice.
2. That should said application be approved by the State of Tennessee, the Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to execute contracts or other necessary documents, which may be required to signify acceptance of the 2025 COPS hiring program grant.

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. 20250616-02. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 1 No (Miller), and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



 MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval of a permit for use of real property by federal agency and permission to enter into a contract/agreement with local employees of the Department of Health and Human Services for use of county owned office space.

WHEREAS, a "Permit for Use of Real Property by Federal Agency" has been received by Benton County; and

WHEREAS, this permit is in relation to local Federal HHS employees Kim Plunk and Staci Francis' proposed use of county owned office space for carrying out their federal duties; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this permit has been provided to the commission for their review and will be entered into the minutes of this meeting; and

WHEREAS, a copy of a contract between Benton County and the above referenced Federal Employees has been provided to the commission for their review and will also be entered into the minutes of this meeting; 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 June, 2025 that the "Permit for Use of Real Property by Federal Agency" described above be approved and that Mayor Ward be authorized to enter into a contract/agreement with the federal employees referenced in this resolution for the use of county owned office space and that Mayor Ward be authorized to sign documents concerning these agreements on behalf of Benton County.

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

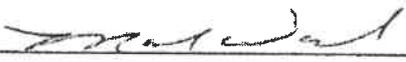
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 20250616-03. On a roll call vote 1 Aye (Miller), 14 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Failed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek approval and passage of a Proposal for Acceptance from TDOT concerning the Fern Avenue, Bridge over Cane Creek (Camden).

WHEREAS, a Proposal for Acceptance has been received from the Tennessee Department of Transportation in reference to the **Fern Avenue Bridge over Cane Creek (Camden) State Project: 03LCIT-F2-002, Federal Project: BRZ-300(37).**; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Benton County Commission approve this proposal and authorize Mayor Mark Ward to sign the document on the county’s behalf; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposal has been provided to the commission for their review and will be entered into the minutes of this meeting; 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 June, 2025 that the TDOT Proposal for Acceptance described above be approved “as is” and that Mayor Ward be authorized to sign this document on behalf of Benton County.

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

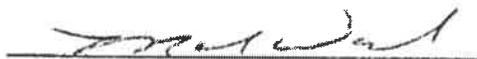
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 202504616-04. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute contracts/agreements for the purchase of land currently owned by Lisa Higdon adjacent to the Benton County Airport for the purpose of future airport growth.

WHEREAS, an opportunity currently exists for Benton County to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land, currently owned by Lisa Higdon; and

WHEREAS, this land is adjacent to the Benton County Airport, will “square up” current property lines and will be ideal for future expansion and growth of the airport; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests approval and permission from the Benton County Commission to purchase this land on behalf of Benton County, entering into any and all

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of June, 2025 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be authorized to purchase the above referenced land and to sign documents concerning these agreements 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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250421-05.

Motion was made by Commissioner Keihn and seconded by Commissioner Bain to amend Resolution No. 20250616-05. On a roll call vote 5 Ayes (Bain, Presson, Fowler, Kiehn, and Presson, 9 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Failed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

******Chairman Rosanne K. Ward called for recess from 7:02 p.m. until 7:13 p.m.******

*****Amendment to Resolution No. 20250616-05*****

AMENDMENT #1 TO RESOLUTION # 20250616-05

By the Benton County Property Committee

June 16, 2025

**AN AMENDMENT TO DELETE ALL LANGUAGE AFTER THE
CAPTION, AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

WHEREAS, an opportunity currently exists for Benton County to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land, currently owned by Lisa Higdon; and

WHEREAS, this land is adjacent to the Benton County Airport, will “square up” current property lines and will be ideal for future expansion and growth of the airport; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests approval and permission from the Benton County Commission to purchase this land on behalf of Benton County, entering into any and all agreements needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of June, 2025 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be authorized to negotiate the purchase price and return with resolution to commission for approval of purchase price before any contracts are signed.

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 by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250616-05. On a roll call vote 10 Ayes, 5 No (Bain, Fowler, Keihn, Price and Melton) and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute contracts/agreements for the purchase of land currently owned by Barbara and Stanley Deaton adjacent to the Benton County Airport for the purpose of future airport growth.

WHEREAS, an opportunity currently exists for Benton County to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land, currently owned by Barbara and Stanley Deaton; and

WHEREAS, this land is adjacent to the Benton County Airport, will “square up” current property lines and will be ideal for future expansion and growth of the airport; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests approval and permission from the Benton County Commission to purchase this land on behalf of Benton County, entering into any and all

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of June, 2025 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be authorized to purchase the above referenced land and to sign documents concerning these agreements 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 Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Hall to amend Resolution No. 20250616-06 (*See Below Amendment to Resolution No. 20250616-6*) On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment to Resolution No. 20250616-06*****

AMENDMENT #1 TO RESOLUTION # 20250616-06

By the Benton County Property Committee

June 16, 2025

**AN AMENDMENT TO DELETE ALL LANGUAGE AFTER THE
CAPTION, AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

WHEREAS, an opportunity currently exists for Benton County to purchase approximately two (2) acres of land, currently owned by Barbara and Stanley Deaton; and

WHEREAS, this land is adjacent to the Benton County Airport, will “square up” current property lines and will be ideal for future expansion and growth of the airport; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests approval and permission from the Benton County Commission to purchase this land on behalf of Benton County, entering into any and all agreements needed, with a purchase price limit of \$ 32,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of June, 2025 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be authorized to purchase the above referenced land and to sign documents concerning these agreements on behalf of Benton County with a purchase price limit of \$ 32,000.00.

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 Melton to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250616-06. On a roll call vote 11 Ayes, 4 No (Kiehn, Presson, Fowler, and Bain) and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget additional funds in the amount of \$ 248.92 to the Benton County Archives for the purchase of Archival Boxes.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2025, the Benton County Commission passed Resolution 20250421-22, budgeting funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to the Benton County Library and Archives for the purchase of archival boxes; and

WHEREAS, the funds budgeted for this purpose have been found to be insufficient for the full funding of this item, requiring additional funds of \$ 248.92 to be budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this purpose exist in a revenue line in the budget and need to be moved to a proper line for expenditure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 16th day of June, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.43365 ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT FEE \$ 248.92

INCREASE

101.56900.435 OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 248.92

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 Holland to approve Resolution No. 20250616-07. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to cover a projected shortfall in Jail Medical Claims.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$50,000.00
		\$50,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.507	Medical Claims	\$50,000.00
		\$50,000.00

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

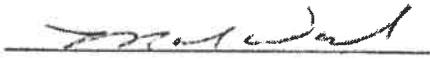
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution N0. 20250616-08. On a roll call 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3450.00 to cover a projected shortfall in the Trustee’s payroll.

WHEREAS, due to the recent retirement of a long-time employee of the Benton County Trustee’s Office, and the resulting payout of accrued vacation time, there exists a projected shortfall in the Trustee’s payroll, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item for the remaining fiscal year, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 3450.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 3450.00
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INCREASE:

101.52400.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 2700.00
101.52400.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 250.00
101.52400.204	PENSIONS	\$ 400.00
101.52400.212	MEDICARE	\$ 100.00

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 Price to approve Resolution No. 20250616-09. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 47,000.00 to cover funding the obligations of the Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) for the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exist remaining obligations to be paid by the Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) in the current fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund paying for these obligations, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate from the TRRD's reserves and budget funds in the amount of \$ 47,000.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

128.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 47,000.00

INCREASE:

128.58110.316 CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 47,000.00

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 _____ and Arnold seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve Resolution No. 20250616-10. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,850.00 to cover funding of the Coroner/Medical Examiner for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the Coroner/Medical Examiner payroll and benefits line items, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these items, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,850.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 12,850.00
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INCREASE:

101.54610.199	CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$ 12,000.00
101.54610.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 650.00
101.54610.212	MEDICARE	\$ 200.00

TOTAL		\$ 12,850.00
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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 Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250616-11. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5100.00 to cover funding of autopsies for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the Coroner/Medical Examiner’s line item that is used to fund autopsies, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this item, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5100.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 5100.00

INCREASE:

101.54610.309 CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES \$ 5100.00

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 Hall to amend Resolution No. 20250616-12. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into Amendment 8 to the Agreement for EMS Service with Jackson-Madison County Hospital on behalf of Benton County.

WHEREAS, Benton County has received an “Amendment 8 - Agreement for EMS Service for Benton County” from Jackson-Madison County General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this document is effective for three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2025 and extending through June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the document lays out the terms, compensation and other details of the agreement, and have been provided to the Benton County Commission for review; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests approval and permission from the Benton County Commission to enter into this agreement on behalf of Benton County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of June, 2025 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be authorized to enter into an agreement on the above referenced “Amendment 8 to Agreement for EMS Service for Benton County, Tennessee” 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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No, 20250616-13. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Arnold), and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 500.00 to cover funding of County Commissioners payroll for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, due to additional meetings being held, there exists a projected shortfall in the County Commission's payroll line item, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this payroll item, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 500.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 500.00

INCREASE:

101.51100.191 BOARDS & COMMITTEES \$ 500.00

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

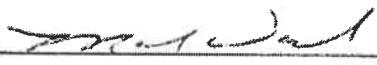
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to amend Resolution No. 20250616-14. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 1 No (Miller), and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment to Resolution No. 20250616-14*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 500.00 to cover funding of County Commissioners payroll for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, due to additional meetings being held, there exists a projected shortfall in the County Commission's payroll line item, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this payroll item, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 700.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 700.00
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INCREASE:

101.51100.191	BOARDS & COMMITTEES	\$ 700.00
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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 Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250616-14 (*See Above Amendment to Resolution No. 20250616-17 Amount Changed to \$700.00*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Angela Denise Bannister and Melissa Louise Clendennin

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve notaries. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to Suspend the Rules to Bring Resolution No. 20250616-15, 20250616-16, 20250616-17, and 20250616-18 to the floor. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 1 No (Kiehn), and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the total amount of \$ 1348.84 to cover funding of various budget line items for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there are various line items in the current budget that are projected to have minor shortfalls, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these line items, it is necessary and prudent to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 1348.84 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

101.53310.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 200.00
101.53310.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 50.00
101.53500.355	TRAVEL	\$ 30.00
101.53500.499	OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$ 10.00
101.54610.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 700.00
101.54610.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 130.00
101.58220.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 10.00
101.58600.207	MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$ 218.84

INCREASE:

101.53310.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 200.00
101.53310.212	MEDICARE	\$ 50.00
101.53500.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 10.00
101.53500.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 10.00

101.53310.212	MEDICARE	\$ 10.00
101.53500.212	MEDICARE	\$ 10.00
101.54610.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 700.00
101.54610.212	MEDICARE	\$ 130.00
101.58220.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 10.00
101.58600.206	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 218.84

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

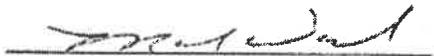
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

 COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

 COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250616-15. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



 MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the total amount of \$ 750.00 to cover funding of The Trustee's benefit line items for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there are line items in the current Trustee's benefits budget that are projected to have minor shortfalls, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these line items, it is necessary and prudent to budget funds in the amount of \$ 750.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 750.00
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INCREASE:

101.52400.212	MEDICARE	\$ 100.00
101.54200.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 400.00
101.54200.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 250.00

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 Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250616-16. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROSANNE WARD, DEBBIE BAIN,
DWAYNE FOWLER AND JERRY PRICE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Ward, Bain, Fowler and Price to temporarily move the Driver’s License kiosk into the mayor’s former office in the Benton County Courthouse.

WHEREAS, there exist issues of foot traffic and space restraints with regard to operation of the driver’s license self-service kiosk in the courthouse lobby; and

WHEREAS, in order to help alleviate these issues, increase convenience and comfort for our citizens and allow for the more efficient use of the kiosk it is necessary to temporarily relocate the kiosk to a more suitable location; and

WHEREAS, The Benton County Mayor’s former office (Suite102) is currently vacant and the front office of that location is well suited for temporarily relocating this kiosk until more permanent spaces are established; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of June, 2025, that the drivers license kiosk, currently in the courthouse lobby, be temporarily moved to the mayor’s former office (Suite 102) as stated above.

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. 20250616-17 Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

June 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute contracts/agreements with Konica Minolta Business Solutions for the Clerk & Master’s Office, on behalf of Benton County for renewal of contracts on equipment and accessories.

WHEREAS, there currently exists a contract with Konica Minolta Business Solutions with Benton County for printing/copying equipment and accessories for use in the Clerk & Masters Office; and

WHEREAS, this contract is due for renewal. A copy of this agreement has been provided for the commission’s review; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests approval and permission from the Benton County Commission to enter into this contract with Konica Minolta Business Solutions on behalf of Benton County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of June, 2025 that Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be authorized to enter into the above referenced contract and to sign documents concerning these agreements 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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250616-18. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE June 16, 2025, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.



COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD



COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN