

BENTON COUNTY JULY 21, 2025

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JULY 21, 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 Mark Smothers and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sonny Hall

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 16 Present and 2 Absent
(Stephen Stokes and Terry Kiehn)**

**ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 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) Appointment of Road Supervisor**

- 8) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Phil Melton to the Benton County Electric System Board for a term of four (4) years. (20250721-01)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint John Parker to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a term of four (4) years. (20250721-02)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Maureen Kerins to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a term of four (4) years. (20250721-03)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Adam Deckerd to the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board for a term of four (4) years. (20250721-04)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Ben Reed to the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board for a term of four (4) years. (20250721-05)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute agreements with SCR Network for in-house phone systems and internet systems. (20250721-06)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek commission approval to enter into a new lease with Konica Minolta for a replacement printer/copier at the Senior Center. (20250721-07)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek commission approval to renew the lease with the State of Tennessee for the building at 560 Benton Industrial Road. (20250721-08)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, concerning waste tire fees and disposal. (20250721-09)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2,325.00 to cover the purchase of plates to be used with protective vests. (20250721-10)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence regarding Federal Grant Budgeting and projects. (20250721-11)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence regarding approval of purchasing cooperatives. (20250721-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$ 6,441.00 within the School's budget. (20250721-13)
- 21) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,123.37 received from the State of Tennessee to the School's budget. (20250721-14)
- 22) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Rocky Presson and Debbie Bain to provide an additional 1% raise in salary to county employees. (20250721-15)
- 23) Appointing Notaries
- 24) Any Other Business
- 25) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

Shawn Combs, Carey Counseling-Funding Program to provide services to Benton County Jail Inmates

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Rocky Presson
Barry Holland
Jerry Price
Dwayne Fowler
Keith Arnold

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Mark Ward

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bain for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES

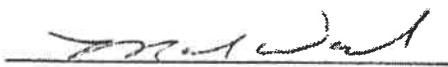
Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO SERVE AS BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Price to affirm Barry Buck Carter’s successor Brian Hicks to serve as Benton County Road Supervisor on a Vote of Confidence. 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Vote of Confidence Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Mr. Hicks or anyone seeking this position has 120-days beginning on July 1, 2025, to become certified for the position as Benton County Road Supervisor.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Phil Melton to the Benton County Electric System Board for a term of four (4) years.

WHEREAS, with the end of Phil Melton’s currently appointed term approaching, it is necessary to fill this seat on the Benton County Electric Board; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Melton has served honorably on this board and expresses a willingness to continue his service in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Phil Melton to fill this position for a four (4) year term beginning upon the expiration of his current term on August 1, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Phil Melton be nominated and reappointed to the Benton County Electric System Board for a four (4) year term beginning upon expiration of his current term on August 1, 2025.

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 Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250721-01. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Burke and Melton), and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint John Parker to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a term of four (4) years.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board and it is necessary to fill this seat; and,

WHEREAS, John Parker is an honorable and qualified citizen and expresses a willingness to serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint John Parker to fill this position for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that John Parker be nominated and appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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 Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250721-02. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Maureen Kerins to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a term of four (4) years.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board and it is necessary to fill this seat; and,

WHEREAS, Maureen Kerins is an honorable and qualified citizen and expresses a willingness to serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Maureen Kerins to fill this position for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Maureen Kerins be nominated and appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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. 20250721-03. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Adam Deckerd to the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board for a term of four (4) years.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board and it is necessary to fill this seat; and,

WHEREAS, Adam Deckerd is an honorable and qualified citizen and expresses a willingness to serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Adam Deckerd to fill this position for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Adam Deckerd be nominated and appointed to the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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 Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250721-04. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Ben Reed to the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board for a term of four (4) years.

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy on the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board and it is necessary to fill this seat; and,

WHEREAS, Ben Reed is an honorable and qualified citizen and expresses a willingness to serve in this capacity; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Ben Reed to fill this position for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Ben Reed be nominated and appointed to the Benton County Parks & Recreation Board for a four (4) year term beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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 Fowler to approve Resolution No. 20250721-05. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No. 1 Abstain (Arnold), and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek approval and permission to enter into and execute agreements with SCR Network for in-house phone systems and internet systems.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Commission has demonstrated a pointed interest in the responsible use of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has expressed a desire to curtail wasteful spending wherever feasible; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to allow SCR Network to assume provider responsibility for internet and telecommunications services currently rendered by Aeneas Internet and Telephone of Jackson is projected to save the county approximately fifty-three percent (53%) of its current internet and telephone expenditures annually; and

WHEREAS, issue response times are expected to be significantly improved due to the local presence and operational footprint of SCR Network within Benton County; and

WHEREAS, SCR Network maintains a professional and cooperative relationship with both TEC of Jackson and Spectrum, enabling it to deliver robust, reliable, and responsive Internet and telephone services for Benton County government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Commission, that:

1. Approval of Provider Transition – SCR Network is hereby authorized to assume full provider responsibilities for internet and telecommunications services currently delivered by Aeneas Internet and Telephone of Jackson to the departments and agencies of Benton County Government.
2. Implementation and Oversight – SCR Network shall assume full responsibility for the transfer, coordination, and continuity of services, including the use of TEC of Jackson and Spectrum as upstream providers where appropriate.
3. Attachments and Documentation – Supporting reference material detailing service specifications, and savings comparisons, is hereby incorporated by reference and shall be attached to this resolution.
4. Effective Date – This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, with service transitions to be scheduled and coordinated in accordance with the County Mayor and SCR Network.

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 Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250721-06. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 1 No (Fowler), and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek commission approval to enter into a new lease with Konica Minolta for a replacement printer/copier at the Senior Center.

WHEREAS, the existing printer/copier being used by the Benton County Senior Center is at the end of its useful life; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to enter into a new lease with Konica Minolta for a new machine to replace this one; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward seeks approval and authority from the commission to enter into a lease agreement for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward is given authority to enter into a lease agreement with Konica Minolta for the purposes outlined in this resolution.

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 Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250721-07. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek commission approval to renew the lease with the State of Tennessee for the building at 560 Benton Industrial Road.

WHEREAS, Benton County currently leases a county owned building at 560 Benton Industrial Road in Camden to the State of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, this lease agreement is due for renewal and the terms of the lease have been provided to the commission; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward seeks approval and authority from the commission to renew this lease agreement for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward is given authority to renew the lease agreement with the State of Tennessee for the property located at 560 Benton Industrial Road.

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 approve Resolution No. 20250721-08. On a roll call 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, concerning waste tire fees and disposal.

WHEREAS, Benton County provides its citizens with waste reduction and recycling programs and the disposal of used tires; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-855(b) requires each county to provide directly, by contract or through a solid waste authority, at least one (1) site to receive and store waste tires for the use of residents and the county; and,

WHEREAS, presently the county waste tire site is used by residents and tire businesses, which imposes a large expenditure on the county due to providing services to businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-835(g) (1) authorized a reasonable fee to be charged by the county to cover the cost of the county handling tires above amount reimbursed by the Tennessee Department of Revenue; and,

WHEREAS, Benton County wishes to establish and maintain a fiscally responsible waste tire collection program, as described in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-211-866(b), by implementing a fee bearing a reasonable relationship to the cost of providing such services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that a waste tire disposal fee program be established as follows:

- 1) A waste tire disposal fee (the "Fees") shall be collected on all tires, from residents and commercial vendors, and be based on tire weight and size, as follows:
 - a) Automobile Tires – 23 inches and below, \$ 1.00 each, with rim \$ 4.00 each;
 - b) Semi/Tractor Tires – 24 inches, \$ 4.00 each, with rim \$ 25.00 each.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, residents of Benton County shall be entitled to dispose of twenty (20) tires a year, per household, at no charge; provided, however, this exception shall not apply to Semi/Tractor Tires or skidders.

- 2) The collection point for waste tires is to be located at the Benton County Convenience Center, 1590 Mt. Carmel Road, Camden, Tennessee, and shall be the only county

- 1) A manifest shall be generated when the tires are delivered to the waste tire collection point. Thereafter, an invoice for the fees shall be provided to the disposer, which shall be due upon receipt.
- 2) Tire dealers which have direct arrangement with beneficial end user, i.e., Liberty Tire, will be responsible for disposal arrangement and payment to said end user.
- 3) The funds generated from the Fees shall be segregated from the General Fund and shall be dedicated to the waste tire disposal program only, with accounts evaluated every six (6) months to reflect the Department of Revenue reimbursement.
- 4) This resolution shall become effective upon its approval, the public welfare requiring it.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

 COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

 COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250721-09. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



 MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2,325.00 to cover the purchase of plates to be used with protective vests.

WHEREAS, Funds were approved and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing bulletproof vests rated to stop rifle rounds in the 2025 Fiscal Year and,

WHEREAS, those vests were received and paid for, however an error in the quoting process caused them to be delivered without the plates, and

WHEREAS, In order for the vests to be used, funds will have to be appropriated to purchase the plates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of July, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$2,325.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,325.00
		\$2,325.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$2,325.00
		\$2,325.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that funds in the total amount of \$ 2,325.00 be appropriated and budgeted for the purposes stated in this resolution.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250721-10. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence regarding Federal Grant Budgeting and projects.

WHEREAS, be it resolved that the Benton County Board of Education Federal Projects funds (Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title V, IDEA, Preschool, Carl Perkins and any other federal grant) shall be the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund by the Benton County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, be it further resolved that the Benton County Board of Commissioners shall consider annually the adoption of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that this resolution is approved by the commission.

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. 20250721-11. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence regarding approval of purchasing cooperatives.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Board of Education would like the following purchasing cooperatives approved; Volco, Buy Board, Sourcewell, and TIPS (this will include all vendors who are used by these cooperatives).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that this resolution is approved by the commission.

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. 20250721-12. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$ 6,441.00 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 2025-26 budget as follows;

INCREASE

72410 139	Office of Principal Assistant	\$5,520.00
72410 201	Social Security	343.00
72410 204	Retirement	497.00
72410 212	Medicare	81.00

DECREASE

71100 116	Regular Instruction Teachers	\$5,520.00
71100 201	Social Security	343.00
71100 204	Retirement	497.00
71100 212	Medicare	81.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that funds in the total amount of \$ 6,441.00 be moved within the schools budget as outlined 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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No, 20250721-13. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,123.37 received from the State of Tennessee to the School's budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received funds from The State of TN Unclaimed Property Division;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

INCREASE

44170 Miscellaneous Refunds \$1,123.37

71100 429 Instruction Supplies \$1,123.37

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that funds in the total amount of \$ 1,123.37 received from the State of Tennessee be budgeted to the schools budget as outlined 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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250721-14. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESSON AND BAIN

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Rocky Presson and Debbie Bain to provide an additional 1% raise in salary to county employees.

WHEREAS, Benton County employees were voted a 3% raise in pay in the FY 25/26 budget; and,

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the sponsors that these employees should receive an additional 1% in pay increase, making their total increase 4%; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that Benton County employees who were voted a 3% pay increase in the Fiscal Year 25/26 budget, be given an additional 1% pay raise.

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

******Notation to Minutes******

2nd Notification from Commissioner Rocky Presson

I, Rocky Presson, appeal the challenge of the chairs decision if or not allowing me to amend the budget. The chair denied my challenge. Commissioner Presson read aloud to the commission Robert's Rules of Order. *(1st Notification is recorded in Minute Book 35, Page 6760)*

******Resolution No. 20250721-15 Pulled by Chairman******

NOTARIES

Rebekah C. Caruthers, Kathleen B. Sprandel, Sarah Foster, Tina Lynn Donho, and Lisa Dooley

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve notaries. On a voice vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to Suspend the Rules to bring Resolution No. 20250721-16, Amendment to Resolution No. 20250721-16, and Correction to Resolution No. 20250519-14 and Resolution No. 20250616-16. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 2 No (Price and Murphy), and 2 Absent. Motion Passed to Suspend Rules.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESSON, FOWLER AND BAIN

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21, 2025.

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Rocky Presson, Dwayne Fowler and Debbie Bain to provide additional funding of \$ 2000.00 to the Benton County Volunteer Program.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Volunteer Program was funded with \$ 2000.00 in the FY 25/26 Budget; and,

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the sponsors that this valuable organization should receive additional funding of \$ 2000.00 (Funding total \$ 4,000) to match past years funding amounts; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that The Benton County Volunteer Program be funded an additional \$ 2000.00 over the funding amount approved in the FY 25/26 Budget (total funding \$ 4000.00).

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 Fowler to amend Resolution No. 20240721-16 (*See Amendment to Resolution No. 20250721-16 Below*). On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 20250721-16

AMENDMENT

To Resolution 20250721-16

To add line items for appropriation and expenditure to accomplish the goal of the resolution by deleting all text after the header, and replacing it with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Commissioners Rocky Presson, Dwayne Fowler and Debbie Bain to appropriate and budget necessary monies to provide additional funding of \$ 2000.00 to the Benton County Volunteer Program.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Volunteer Program was funded with \$ 2000.00 in the FY 25/26 Budget; and,

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the sponsors that this valuable organization should receive additional funding of \$ 2000.00 (Funding total \$ 4,000) to match past years funding amounts; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of July, 2025 that The Benton County Volunteer Program be funded an additional \$ 2000.00 over the funding amount approved in the FY 25/26 Budget (total funding \$ 4000.00) and that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 2000.00

INCREASE:

101.58500.316 CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 2000.00

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250721-16 (See Above Amended Resolution No. 20250721-16). On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-14*****

AMENDMENT

To Resolution 20250519-14 as passed by the Benton County Commission in regular session on May 19, 2025

To correct a typographical error in the original resolution by deleting all text after the header, and replacing it with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare various items in possession of the Benton County Sheriff's Department as surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in possession of multiple vehicles obtained from LESO which are no longer of use to the department, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department has been granted approval by LESO to dispose of the vehicles as we see fit, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department seeks to declare the following vehicles as surplus property and dispose of them as outlined below, and

WHEREAS, Revenues generated from the sale of any of these vehicles shall be deposited to the drug fund, as the vehicles were originally requisitioned for anti-drug operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of April, 2025 that the following items be declared surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

Year:	Make:	Model:	VIN#:	Method of Disposal
1999	Chevrolet	Freight Star Parcel	1GBHG31F9X1153780	Auction – Govdeals
1999	Chevrolet	Incomplete Van	1GBHG31F4X1154108	Auction – Govdeals
2000	Chevrolet	3500 Express	1GBHG31F4Y1245400	Auction – Govdeals
1997	Chevrolet	3500 Express	1GBHG31F5V1090397	Auction – Govdeals
1997	Chevrolet	Truck	1GBHG31F7V1091972	Auction – Govdeals
1981	Vantage	Truckall	LFWA21150BJH07201	Donate to TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology) for use within Turney Center Prison.

Amendment approved on July 21, 2025 in regular session.

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 amended to correct Resolution No. 20250519-14. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 20250616-16*****

AMENDMENT

To Resolution 20250616-16 as passed by the Benton County Commission in regular session on June 16, 2025

To correct a typographical error in the original resolution by deleting all text after the header, and replacing it with the following:

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
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101.52400.204	RETIREMENT	\$ 400.00
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101.52400.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 250.00
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Upon a motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

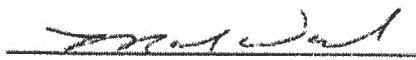
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve amended to correct Resolution No. 20250616-16. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.

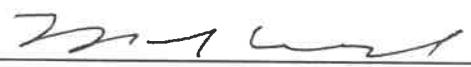

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE JULY 21, 2025, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.



COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD



COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN