

BENTON COUNTY JANUARY 20, 2026

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT JANUARY 20, 2026 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 Kieth Arnold and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barry Holland

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN– 17 Present and 1 Absent
(Stephen Stokes)**

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Prove Agenda.


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 to fill 3rd District School Board Vacancy**

- 8) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 8,334.00 received from a Airport Terminal Renovation Grant to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260120-01)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,426.36 received from grant refunds to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260120-02)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,400.00, received from a Utrust Grant, to the Schools Budget. (20260120-03)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 205,719.00, received from state TISA Outcomes Allocation funds, to the Schools Budget. (20260120-04)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$59,690.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item within the Sheriff's department budget, for the purchase of a Mental Health Transport Vehicle, as covered under the Mental Health Transport Grant. (20260120-05)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$7,018.53 received from various sources in the month of December, to various line items for expenditure. (20260120-06)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$528.74 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260120-07)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 1000.00 received from donations, to proper line items for expenditure in the Animal Shelter Budget. (20260120-08)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 12,275.12 received from Insurance Recovery on vehicles to a proper expenditure line. (20260120-09)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 14,000.00 from the Archive Fund to a proper expenditure line to purchase shelving for the Benton County Archives. (20260120-10)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 8,000.00 to a proper expenditure line to purchase shelving for the Benton County Archives. (20260120-11)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 15,572.50 to a proper expenditure line to fund expenses for the Benton County Election Commission. (20260120-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$42,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item to cover costs associated with entering into a contract with Flock Safety to provide License Plate Readers and Live view cameras in multiple locations throughout the county. (20260120-13)
- 21) Appointing Notaries
- 22) Any Other Business
- 23) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

Tim Vick-Benton County 2nd District Resident urges County Commissioners to Vote "No" to Flock Safety Resolution (20260120-13); Mr. Vick is against implementing Flock Safety Cameras in Benton County

Robert Jackson-Concerns regarding the Flock Safety Cameras (License Plate Readers), Bids, Lawsuits, Privacy Issues, Data Collected, and Etc.

Alien Davis-Concerns regarding the Flock Safety Cameras (License Plate Readers)

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Jerry Price
Dwayne Fowler
Rocky Presson
Keith Arnold

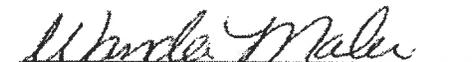
COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

County Attorney Daniel King-Benton County Airport Lawsuit Issues & Scheduling Meeting in February 2026 with County Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Arnold for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPOINTMENT TO FILL 3RD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

On a roll call vote for approval of Michael Gaskin to fill the vacancy as 3rd District School Board Vacancy 16 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Pass (Ward), and 1 Absent. Appointment of Michael Gaskin to serve as the "New" 3rd District School Board Member Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Michael Gaskin was sworn in and took oath to serve as the New 3rd District School Board Member for Benton County by County Clerk Wanda Malin.

*****Chairman Rosanne K. Ward called for a recess from
6:47 p.m. until 6:56 p.m.*****

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 8,334.00 received from a Airport Terminal Renovation Grant to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received a payment of \$ 8,334.00 from a State of Tennessee for a Terminal Renovation Grant; and,

WHEREAS, these monies need to be budgeted to a proper expenditure account to pay associated invoices; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of January, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE:

189.47590 OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE \$ 8,334.00

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 8,334.00

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 Holland to approve Resolution No. 20260120-01. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent (Stokes and Fowler). Commissioner Fowler had not yet returned from recess. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,426.36 received from grant refunds to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received refunds from grant closeouts in the total amount of \$ 1,426.36 from the State of Tennessee (\$ 67.40 from closure of Airfield Security Grant and \$ 1,311.56 from closure of REIL & Rotating Beacon Grant from 2020); and

WHEREAS, these monies need to be budgeted to a proper account for expenditure; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of January, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE:

189.44170 MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS \$ 1,426.36

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 1,426.36

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

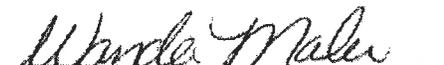
COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260120-02. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,400.00, received from a Utrust Grant, to the Schools Budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received a Utrust Grant;

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

INCREASE

44570	Gifts and Contributions	\$10,400.00
72310 599	Board Other Charges	\$10,400.00

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20260120-03. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 205, 719.00, received from state TISA Outcomes Allocation funds, to the Schools Budget.

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

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

INCREASE

46510	TISA	\$205,719.00
71100 189	Instruction Other Salaries and Wages	\$ 30,000.00
71100 201	Social Security	1,860.00
71100 204	Retirement	2,700.00
71100 212	Medicare	435.00
71100 271	Hybrid Retirement	303.00
71100 370	Contracted Subs	30,000.00
71100 399	Contracted Services	10,000.00
71200 128	Special Education Homebound	6,000.00
71200 201	Social Security	372.00
71200 204	Retirement	540.00
71200 212	Medicare	87.00
71200 217	Hybrid Retirement	61.00
71300 270	Vocational Contracted Subs	10,000.00
72120 399	Health Contracted Services	2,000.00
72510 524	Fiscal Services Staff Development	2,000.00
72610 415	Operation of Plant Electricity	35,000.00
72610 454	Operation of Plant Water and Sewer	25,000.00
72710 146	Transportation Bus Drivers	10,000.00
72710 201	Social Security	620.00
72710 204	Retirement	900.00
72710 212	Medicare	145.00
76100 707	Capital Outlay Building Improvements	37,696.00

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 made by Commissioner Holland Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260120-04. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET, PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$59,690.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item within the Sheriff's department budget, for the purchase of a Mental Health Transport Vehicle, as covered under the Mental Health Transport Grant.

WHEREAS, Benton County received \$36,830.00 on 12/10/2025 from the Mental Health Transport Grant, which was receipted into revenue line item 101.46980 – Other State Grants, and,

WHEREAS, Under the grant, vehicles are approved purchases as long as they are unmarked. Vehicles must be available for mental health transport purposes while the grant term is active, and then can be used as patrol vehicles after the grant period ends, and,

WHEREAS The purchase price of the vehicle, including necessary upfitting, is \$59,690.00, and the Grant covered portion is \$36,830.00. The county paid portion of the vehicle would be \$22,860.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of January, 2026 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$59,690.00
		\$59,690.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.54110.718	Motor Vehicles	\$59,690.00
		\$59,690.00

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 Bain to amend Resolution No. 20260120-05 (See Below Amendment to Resolution No. 20260201-05). On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****AMENDMENT #1 TO RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-05*****

**AMENDMENT #1 TO RESOLUTION 20260120-05
By the Benton County Law Enforcement Committee**

To delete everything after the header and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds to an expenditure line item within the Sheriff's department budget, for the purchase of a Mental Health Transport Vehicle, as covered under the Mental Health Transport Grant.

WHEREAS, Benton County received \$36,830.00 on 12/10/2025 from the Mental Health Transport Grant, which was receipted into revenue line item 101.46980 – Other State Grants, and,

WHEREAS, Under the grant, vehicles are approved purchases as long as they are unmarked. Vehicles must be available for mental health transport purposes while the grant term is active, and then can be used as patrol vehicles after the grant period ends, and,

WHEREAS The purchase price of the vehicle, including necessary upfitting, is \$59,690.00, and the Grant covered portion is \$36,830.00. The county paid portion of the vehicle would be \$22,860.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of January, 2026 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$22,860.00
		\$22,860.00
Decrease Revenues:		
101.46980	Other State Grants	\$36,830.00
		\$36,380.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.54110.718	Motor Vehicles	\$59,690.00
		\$59,690.00

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 Kiehn to approve as amended Resolution No. 20260120-05 (*See Above Amended Resolution No. 20260120-05*). On roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$7,018.53 received from various sources in the month of December, to various line items for expenditure

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$7,018.53 for the month of December, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$7,018.53 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within Sheriff Department Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of January, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$7,018.53 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of December, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$613.40
101.46290	Other Public Safety Grants	\$5930.13
101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$475.00
		\$7,018.53

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.338	Maintenance and Repair Services - Vehicles	\$613.40
101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$5930.13
101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$475.00
		\$7,018.53

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 Melton to approve Resolution No. 20260120-06. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$528.74 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, Payments in the amount of \$528.74 have been received from insurance reimbursements on wrecked vehicles and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of January, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.49700	Insurance Recovery	\$528.74
		\$528.74
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.58400.338	Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$528.74
		\$528.74

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 Hall to approve Resolution No. 20260120-07. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 1000.00 received from donations, to proper line items for expenditure in the Animal Shelter Budget.

WHEREAS, Benton County is in receipt of donated funds for the Benton County Animal Shelter Cat Project in the total amount of \$ 1000.00; and,

WHEREAS, these funds need to be budgeted to proper line items within the Animal Shelter's budget for expenditure; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of January, 2026 that funds be budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.48610 DONATIONS \$ 1000.00

INCREASE:

101.55120.499 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS \$ 1000.00

TOTAL \$ 1000.00

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 Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20260120-08. On a roll call 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 14,000.00 from the Archive Fund to a proper expenditure line to purchase shelving for the Benton County Archives.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Archives is in need of new shelving to better accomplish their duties; and

WHEREAS, there are funds in the amount of \$ 14,000.00 in the reserve fund for the Archives; and

WHEREAS, these funds, combined with additional appropriated funds will satisfy the required funding; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of January, 2026 that funds be budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.34510 RESERVED FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$ 14,000.00

INCREASE:

101.56900.711 FURNITURE & FIXTURES \$ 14,000.00

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 seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260120-10. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20260120-11*****

**AMENDMENT #1 TO RESOLUTION 20260120-11
By the Benton County Budget Committee**

To delete everything after the header and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,100.00 to a proper expenditure line to purchase shelving for the Benton County Archives.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Archives is in need of new shelving to better accomplish their duties; and

WHEREAS, there are funds in the amount of \$ 14,000.00 in the reserve fund for the Archives; and

WHEREAS, the archive funds being budgeted, there is a need to appropriate and budget additional funds to cover this purchase; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th Day of January, 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 9,100.00

INCREASE:

101.56900.711 FURNITURE & FIXTURES \$ 9,100.00

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

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve as amended to Resolution No. 20260120-11 (*See Above Amended Resolution No. 20260120-11*). On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260120-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

January 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$42,000.00 from the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an expenditure line item to cover costs associated with entering into a contract with Flock Safety to provide License Plate Readers and Live view cameras in multiple locations throughout the county.

WHEREAS, Flock Safety provides License Plate Readers and Live View Cameras which would increase arrest rates, promote public safety within the county, and provide a valuable investigative tool to deputies and,

WHEREAS, if contracted, the yearly recurring cost for the platform, 12 License Plate Readers, and 2 Live view video cameras would be \$42,000.00, and,

WHEREAS, Flock safety has agreed to update contract terms to reduce the Data retention period to 14 days, and only share data generated by the cameras with law enforcement agencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of January, 2026 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$42,000.00
		\$42,000.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.54110.312	Contracts with Private Agencies	\$42,000.00
		\$42,000.00

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 bring Resolution No. 20260120-13 to the floor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to postpone Resolution No. 20260120-13 until February 2026 County Commission Meeting. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Postpone.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution No. 20260120-14. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS CONT'D

Chairman Rosanne K. Ward announcement regarding filling the vacancy of 1st District County Commissioner; Statement of Interest due by the end of January 2026; February 2026 Benton County Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 due to holiday.

Commissioner Kiehn- February 6, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. to honor Mr. Ralph Rogers

County Attorney Daniel King-Benton County Airport Lawsuit scheduled day of Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Benton County Courthouse to meet with County Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.


COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD


COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN