

BENTON COUNTY JUNE 15, 2026

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JUNE 15, 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.

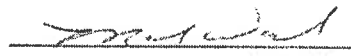
Invocation was led by Daniel King and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rocky Presson

ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN– 17 Present and 1 Absent (Sonny Hall)

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

AGENDA

- I. Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee**
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy**
- IV. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin**
 - 1) Approval of Agenda**
 - 2) Citizens Forum**
 - 3) Commissioners Forum**
 - 4) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor, or Proclamations**
 - 5) Approval of Minutes**
 - 6) Report of Public Utilities**
 - 7) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to amend Resolution 20260518-04. (20260615-01)**
 - 8) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$2800.00 to cover a projected shortfall in Jail Medical Claims. (20260615-02)**

- 9) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Sheriff's Department. (20260615-03)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$15,500.25 various airport grants to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260615-04)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 25000.00 to cover a projected shortfall for services rendered by the County Attorney. (20260615-05)
- 12) A RESOLUTION to appropriate and budget \$10,000.00 to the County Building Maintenance Fund in order to finish out the remainder of the fiscal year. (20260615-06)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the amount of \$300.00 to the Property Assessor's budget to cover a projected shortfall in Postal Charges. (20260615-07)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 to cover funding of the coroner for the reminder of the fiscal year. (20260615-08)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Trevor Rabehl to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to fill the remainder of an unexpired term. (20260615-09)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds to cover funding benefit line items for the reminder of the current fiscal year. (20260615-10)
- 17) A Resolution by Mayor Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$600.00 to cover a short fall in the Sanitation Management budget for Waste Tire Disposal. (20260615-11)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1200.00 to the General Sessions Judge's Budget to cover a projected shortfall in the Deputies line item. (20260615-12)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 200.00 received from Damages Recovered from Individuals. (20260615-13)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 300.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee. (20260615-14)
- 21) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Communication line item. (20260615-15)
- 22) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to fund a reimbursable grant from the state for salaries and wages. (20260615-16)
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. 920260615-17)
- 24) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$1,740.99 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260615-18)
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Data Processing Services line item. (20260615-19)
- 26) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 464.00 to cover a shortfall in the Health Dept. Custodial Personnel payroll line item. (20260615-20)
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Animal Shelter Part-time Personnel payroll line item. (20260615-21)
- 28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 to cover funding of county employee's health insurance for the reminder of the current fiscal year. (20260615-22)

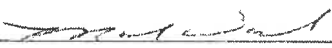
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$12,961.67 from the unassigned fund balance to an expenditure line item within the Jail’s department budget, for the purchase of a walk-in freezer/cooler. (20260615-23)
- 30) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Jail’s budget. (20260615-24)
- 31) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, Mayor of Benton County, TN, is seeking permission to sale a portion of a 234.99-acre tract of county owned real property located at the Benton County Industrial Park on Divider Natchez Trace Road, reserving unto the county all timber rights, and retaining a perpetual easement for access and utilities. (20260615-25)
- 32) A RESOLUTION OF THE BENTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY APPROVING CHAPTER 73 OF THE PRIVATE ACTS OF 2026. (20260615-26)
- 33) Appointing Notaries
- 34) Any Other Business
- 35) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM
Lorie Matlock-Benton County Chamber of Commerce

COMMISSIONERS FORUM
Jerry Price
Terry Kiehn
Phil Melton

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

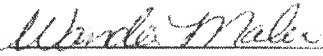
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Arnold for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES
Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Bain 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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to amend Resolution 20260518-04.

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2026, the Benton County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 20260518-04 to appropriate funds to various Benton County offices for payroll purposes; and

WHEREAS, the original resolution contained incorrect account line-item numbers that require correction to ensure proper bookkeeping; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the exact financial result intended by Resolution No. 20260518-04, the Benton County Mayor requests that the Board of Commissioners approve corrections to the specific account line-item numbers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that Resolution No. 20260518-04 be amended to correct and transfer funds within the proper account line items as follows:

101.56300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	CHANGE TO	101.58220.201
101.56300.212	MEDICARE	CHANGE TO	101.58220.212
101.56300.204	RETIREMENT	CHANGE TO	101.58220.204
101.56300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	CHANGE TO	101.58220.210

101.56300.201	SOCIAL SECURITY	CHANGE TO	101.55710.149
101.56300.212	MEDICARE	CHANGE TO	101.55710.201
101.56300.204	RETIREMENT	CHANGE TO	101.55710.204
101.56300.210	UNEMPLOYMENT	CHANGE TO	101.55710.210

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

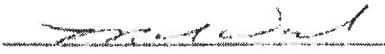
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20260615-01. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-02
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$2800.00 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 the 15th day of June 2026 that funds in the amount of \$2800.00 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$2800.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.507	JAIL MEDICAL CLAIMS	\$2800.00
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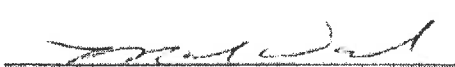
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20260615-02. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Department requires additional funds for the purchase of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund this purchase, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 30,000.00

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INCREASE:

101.54110.425 GASOLINE \$ 30,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

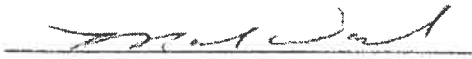
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20260615-03. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$15,500.25 received from various grants to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received a payment of \$15,500.25 from a Terminal Restoration Grant and Windsock Beacon Grant; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to budget these funds to a proper line item to allow for expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	\$ 15,500.25
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INCREASE:

189.91110.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 15,500.25
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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 Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260615-04. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 25000.00 to cover a projected shortfall for services rendered by the County Attorney.

WHEREAS, Benton County is in receipt of invoices from the county attorney for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, the current funds budgeted for this purpose are projected to be insufficient for properly funding these and future services; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that funds in the amount of \$ 25000.00 be appropriated and budgeted for the purpose of meeting this obligation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th Day of June 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 25000.00
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INCREASE:

101.51400.331	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 25000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

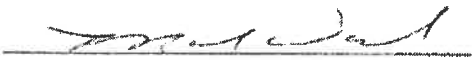
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260615-05. On a role call vote 13 Ayes, 4 No (Fowler, Bain, Price, and Presson), and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee & Property Committees

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION to appropriate and budget \$10,000.00 to the County Building Maintenance Fund in order to finish out the remainder of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure proper funding of county buildings maintenance, additional funds must be appropriated to finish out the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 be appropriated as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 10,000

INCREASE:

101.51800.335 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR - BUILDINGS \$ 10,000

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____

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

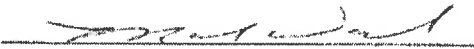
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20260615-06. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-07
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds in the amount of \$300.00 to the Property Assessor’s budget to cover a projected shortfall in Postal Charges.

WHEREAS, due to the increased cost of postage this year, the Benton County Property Assessor’s postage line is projected to experience a shortfall, and

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item for the remainder of the fiscal year, it is necessary to transfer funds in the amount of \$300.00 for this purpose;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

52300.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 300.00
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INCREASE:

52310.348	POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 300.00
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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 Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve Resolution No. 20260615-07. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-08
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 to cover funding of the coroner for the “reminder” of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the coroner payroll line item, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these items, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,000.00
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INCREASE:

101.54610.199	CORONER-OTHER PER DIEM AND FEES	\$ 9,000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
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APPROVED:

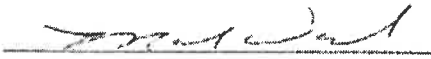
ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve Resolution No. 20260615-08.

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to amend Resolution No. 20260615-08 to change the word “reminder” to “remainder” (See below Amended Resolution No. 20250615-08). On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Amendment to Resolution No. 20260615-08

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 to cover funding of the coroner for the “remainder” of the fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the coroner payroll line item, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund these items, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,000.00 for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,000.00
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INCREASE:

101.54610.199	CORONER-OTHER PER DIEM AND FEES	\$ 9,000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____	Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____	Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve as amended Resolution No. 20260615-08 (See Above Amendment to Resolution No. 20250615-08 which “reminder” was replaced with “remainder”). 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. 20260615-09
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Trevor Rabehl to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to fill the remainder of an unexpired term.

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Colleen Tighe, it will be necessary to fill this position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, and;

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Trevor Rabehl be appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for the remainder of the unexpired term with an ending date of April 2029,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th Day of June, 2026 that Trevor Rabehl be appointed to a position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board.

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

*******Pulled by Mayor Mark Ward*******

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-10
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds to cover funding benefit line items for the “reminder” of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund the benefit line items, it is necessary and prudent to transfer funds for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds be transferred as follows:

DECREASE:		
54610.312	Contracts Private Agencies	\$200.00
INCREASE:		
54610.201	Social Security	\$200.00
DECREASE:		
54610.312	Contracts Private Agencies	\$100.00
INCREASE:		
54610.212	Medicare	\$100.00
DECREASE:		
55110.204	Retirement	\$35.00
INCREASE:		
55110.201	Social Security	\$35.00
DECREASE:		
55110.204	Retirement	\$65.00
INCREASE:		
55110.210	Unemployment	\$65.00

DECREASE:

55110.204	Retirement	\$10.00
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INCREASE:

55110.212	Medicare	\$10.00
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DECREASE:

55720.204	Retirement	\$60.00
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INCREASE:

55720.210	Unemployment	\$60.00
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DECREASE:

56300.204	Retirement	\$70.00
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INCREASE:

56300.210	Unemployment	\$70.00
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DECREASE:

56500.204	Retirement	\$600.00
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INCREASE:

56500.201	Social Security	\$600.00
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DECREASE:

56500.204	Retirement	\$150.00
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INCREASE:

56500.212	Medicare	\$150.00
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DECREASE:

53310.349	Printing, Stationery, and Forms	\$1242.00
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INCREASE:

53310.201	Social Security	\$1242.00
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DECREASE:

53310.709	Data Processing Equipment	\$70.00
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INCREASE:

53310.204	Retirement	\$70.00
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DECREASE:

53310.709	Data Processing Equipment	\$32.00
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INCREASE:

53310.210	Unemployment	\$32.00
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DECREASE:

53310.709	Data Processing Equipment	\$290.00
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INCREASE:

53310.212	Medicare	\$290.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____
_____ Absent

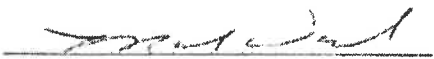
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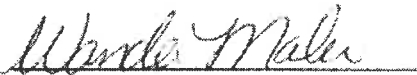
ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Melton to amend Resolution No. 20260615-10 to change the word “*reminder*” to “*remainder*” (*See Below Amended Resolution No. 20260615-10*). 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 to Resolution No. 20260615-10*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to transfer funds to cover funding benefit line items for the “*remainder*” of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund the benefit line items, it is necessary and prudent to transfer funds for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds be transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

54610.312	Contracts Private Agencies	\$200.00
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INCREASE:

54610.201	Social Security	\$200.00
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DECREASE:

54610.312	Contracts Private Agencies	\$100.00
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INCREASE:

54610.212	Medicare	\$100.00
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DECREASE:

55110.204	Retirement	\$35.00
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INCREASE:

55110.201	Social Security	\$35.00
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DECREASE:

55110.204	Retirement	\$65.00
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INCREASE:

55110.210	Unemployment	\$65.00
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DECREASE:
55110.204 Retirement \$10.00

INCREASE:
55110.212 Medicare \$10.00

DECREASE:
55720.204 Retirement \$60.00

INCREASE:
55720.210 Unemployment \$60.00

DECREASE:
56300.204 Retirement \$70.00

INCREASE:
56300.210 Unemployment \$70.00

DECREASE:
56500.204 Retirement \$600.00

INCREASE:
56500.201 Social Security \$600.00

DECREASE:
56500.204 Retirement \$150.00

INCREASE:
56500.212 Medicare \$150.00

DECREASE:
53310.349 Printing, Stationery, and Forms \$1242.00

INCREASE:
53310.201 Social Security \$1242.00

DECREASE:
53310.709 Data Processing Equipment \$70.00

INCREASE:

53310.204	Retirement	\$70.00
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DECREASE:

53310.709	Data Processing Equipment	\$32.00
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INCREASE:

53310.210	Unemployment	\$32.00
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DECREASE:

53310.709	Data Processing Equipment	\$290.00
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INCREASE:

53310.212	Medicare	\$290.00
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Upon a Motion by _____	Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____	Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____
_____ Absent	

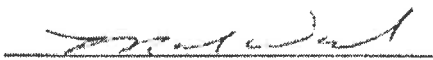
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve as amended Resolution No. 20260615-10 (*See Above Amendment to Resolution No. 20260615-10 which “reminder” was replaced with “remainder”*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 2 No (Price and Murphy), and 1 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A Resolution by Mayor Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$600.00 to cover a short fall in the Sanitation Management budget for Waste Tire Disposal.

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Management budget will experience a shortfall in the line for Other Contracted Services (Waste Tires), and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, the Benton County Mayor requests that funds in the amount of \$600.00 be appropriated to the Sanitation Management budget, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$600.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 600.00
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INCREASE:

101.55710.399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES-WASTE TIRES	\$ 600.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
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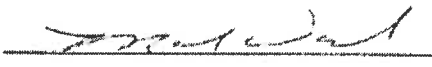
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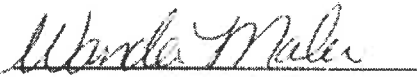
ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260615-11. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1200.00 to the General Sessions Judge's Budget to cover a projected shortfall in the Deputies line item.

WHEREAS, the amount budgeted to the Deputies line item in the General Sessions Judge's Budget was not enough to finish the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this purpose need to be appropriated and budgeted to pay this obligation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 1200.00
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INCREASE:

101.53310.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 1200.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

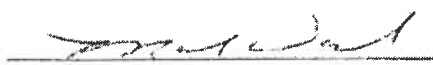
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20260615-12. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 200.00 received from Damages Recovered from Individuals.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$ 200.00 for the month of May, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$ 200.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff Department’s Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of June, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$ 200.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues for the month of May, be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$200.00
		\$200.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.499	Other Supplies & Materials	\$200.00
		\$200.00

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

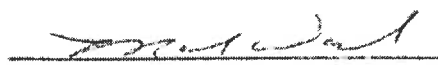
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260615-13. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 300.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$ 300.00; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$ 300.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the SOR Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$300.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of May, 2026 be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee- Sheriff	\$ 300.00
		\$ 300.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	Other Charges	\$ 200.00
101.54160.358	Remittance of Revenues Collected	\$ 100.00
		\$ 300.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

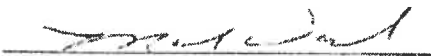
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260615-14. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Communication line item.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff’s Department has identified a shortfall of funds in the Communication line items, and;

WHEREAS, additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund Communication for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.307	Communications	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

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

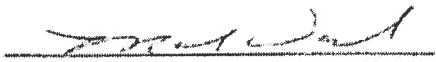
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Resolution No. 20260615-15. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to fund a reimbursable grant from the state for salaries and wages.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee offers a reimbursable grant through the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, which pays salaries for deputies working saturation work details, and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget \$1,000.00 to the proper expenditure line item, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$1000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46920	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1000.00
		\$1000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$1000.00
		\$1000.00

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

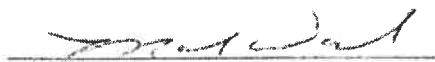
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260615-16. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$15,000.00 from grants to be used for officer training; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff Department Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of June, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$15,000.00
		\$15,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.355	Travel	\$ 1,000.00
101.54110.187	Overtime Pay	\$14,000.00
		\$15,000.00

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 Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260615-17. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$1,740.99 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 \$1,740.99 has 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 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

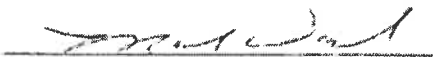
Decrease Revenues:		Amount:
101.49700	Insurance Recovery	\$1,740.99
		\$1,740.99
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.58400.338	Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$1,740.99
		\$1,740.99

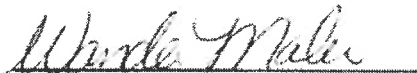
Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED: **ATTEST:**

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD **COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Resolution No. 20260615-18. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Data Processing Services line item.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department has identified a shortfall of funds in the Data Processing Services line item, and;

WHEREAS, additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund Data Processing Services for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.317	Data Processing Services	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20260615-19. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-20
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 464.00 to cover a shortfall in the Health Dept. Custodial Personnel payroll line item.

WHEREAS, a shortfall has been identified in the payroll line item for the Health Dept. Custodial Personnel; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary that funds be appropriated and budgeted into the proper line item;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of June, 2026 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 464.00
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INCREASE:

101.55110.166	CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL	\$ 464.00
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Upon a Motion by _____	Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____	Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

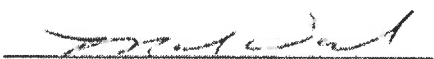
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve Resolution No. 20260615-20. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-21

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to transfer funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Animal Shelter Part-time Personnel payroll line item.

WHEREAS, a shortfall has been identified in the payroll line item for Animal Shelter Part-time Personnel; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary that funds be transferred into the proper line item;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th Day of June, 2026 that funds be transferred as follows:

DECREASE:

101.55120.105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR \$ 2000.00

INCREASE:

101.55120.169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL \$ 2000.00

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

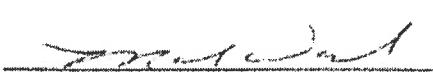
APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Resolution No. 20260615-21. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-22

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 to cover funding of county employee's health insurance for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in the medical insurance line item 58600.207 in the amount of \$52,289.15; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 52,289.15
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INCREASE:

101.58600.207	MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$ 52,289.15
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Upon a motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to amend Resolution No. 20260615-22 to change "reminder" to "remainder" (See Below Amendment to Resolution No. 20260615-22 to correct Line 28 on Agenda). 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 to Resolution No. 20260615-22******

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-22

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 to cover funding of county employee’s health insurance for the “remainder” of the current fiscal year.

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in the medical insurance line item 58600.207 in the amount of \$52,289.15; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, it is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 52,289.15 for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 52,289.15

INCREASE:

101.58600.207 MEDICAL INSURANCE \$ 52,289.15

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

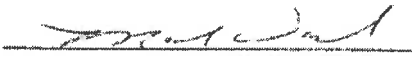
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve as amended Resolution No. 20260615-22 (See Above Amendment to Resolution No. 20260615-22 which replaces “remind” to “remainder” to correct Line 28 on Agenda). On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

******Chairman Rosanne K. Ward called for recess at
6:51 p.m. until 7:02 p.m.******

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-23

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET, PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$12,961.67 from the unassigned fund balance to an expenditure line item within the Jail's department budget, for the purchase of a walk-in freezer/cooler.

WHEREAS, Benton County Jail urgently requires a walk-in freezer/cooler and has formally declared an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, funds need to be appropriated and budgeted in the amount of \$12,961.67 for the purchase of a walk-in freezer/cooler based on a quote from Mid-America Refrigeration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026 that funds be appropriated as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
171.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance – Capital Projects	\$12,961.67
		\$12,961.67
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
171.91110.710	Food Service Equipment	\$12,961.67
		\$12,961.67

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

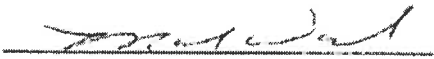
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260615-23. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-24

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to cover a shortfall in the Jail's budget.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department – Jail's Budget has identified a shortfall of funds in the Maintenance & Repair Service-Equipment line item; and,

WHEREAS, Additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund them 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 15th day of June, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$5,000.00
		\$5,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.335	Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00
		\$5,000.00

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 Horton and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20260615-24. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-25

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget & Property Committees

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, Mayor of Benton County, Tennessee, seeking permission to sell a portion of a 234.99-acre tract of County owned real property located at the Benton County Industrial Park on Divider Natchez Trace Road, reserving unto the County all timber rights, and retaining a perpetual easement for access and utilities.

WHEREAS, Benton County, Tennessee is the owner of a certain tract of real property located at Divider Natchez Trace Road, (known as the Benton County Industrial Park) and further identified as Parcel ID.084 074.00; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Commission has determined that selling approximately 60.395 acres of the Property is in the best economic interest of the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to convey the underlying land but explicitly intends to retain ownership of all standing timber currently located on the Property, along with the right to harvest said timber; and

WHEREAS, the County requires a perpetual, non-exclusive 30-foot easement across a portion of the Property for the purposes of ingress, egress, utilities, and timber management access, the exact location of the said easement is to be determined; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Camden, Tennessee, on this 15th day of June 2026, as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF SALE. The Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee hereby authorizes the sale of the land conveying the Property to Jeff Belisle (the "Purchaser") for the total consideration of \$1500.00 per acre, and Purchaser agrees to provide a survey, subject to the reservations, restrictions, and easements set forth herein.

SECTION 2. RESERVATION OF TIMBER RIGHTS. The County hereby explicitly reserves unto itself, its successors, and assigns, all right, title, and interest in and to all timber, logs, and trees of every species, size, and description currently standing, growing, or lying upon the Property for a period of one year.

SECTION 3. RETENTION OF EASEMENT. The County hereby retains and reserves a perpetual, non-exclusive easement over a strip of land to be described in detail to identify its location and dimensions in the Statutory Warranty Deed (or Quitclaim Deed, if applicable) and/or Easement Agreement and/or any other closing documents necessary to effectuate this transaction. This easement is retained for the purposes of:

- a.) installation, maintenance, and repair of public or private utilities; and
- b.) Conducting timber harvesting and forest management activities authorized under Section 2.

The Purchaser, their heirs, and assigns shall not construct any permanent structures, plant deep-rooted trees, or place obstructions within the Easement Area that would interfere with the County's exercise of its rights.

SECTION 4. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS. The Mayor of Benton County, Tennessee is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Statutory Warranty Deed (or Quitclaim Deed, if applicable), an Easement Agreement, and any other closing documents necessary to effectuate this transaction, provided all such documents incorporate the strict reservations mandated by this Resolution and are approved as to form by the County Attorney.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, as the public welfare requires it.

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

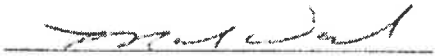
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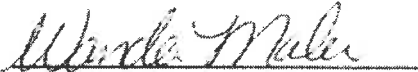
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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

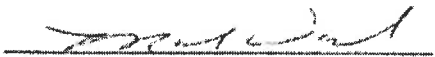
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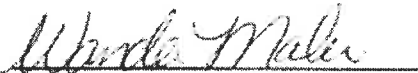
Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Miller to amend Resolution No. 20260615-25 (*See Below Amendment to Resolution 20260615-25 to Correct the Amendment Resolution No. from 20260615-27 to 20260615-25*). On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to amend Resolution No. 20260615-25 (*See Below Amendment to Resolution No. 20260615-25*). 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 to Resolution No. 20260615-25*****

AMENDED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-25

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget & Property Committees

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-25 TO ADD A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL AND TO CLARIFY SURVEY REIMBURSEMENT TERMS FOR THE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the budget and property standing committees of Benton County, Tennessee previously introduced Resolution No. 20260615-25 regarding the sale of certain county-owned real property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best financial interest of Benton County to ensure that the purchaser reimburses the county for the actual costs of the boundary survey at the time of closing; and

WHEREAS, the county desires to retain a right of first refusal to repurchase said property under the same terms if the purchaser decides to sell it in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 15th day of June, 2026, that Resolution No. 20260615-25 be amended by adding or replacing the following sections to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the original Resolution is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

AUTHORIZATION OF SALE AND SURVEY. The Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee hereby authorizes the sale and conveyance of the Property to Jeff Belisle (the "Purchaser") for a total consideration of \$1,500.00 per acre, subject to the reservations, restrictions, easements, and rights set forth herein. The County shall provide a boundary survey of the Property at closing. The Purchaser shall reimburse Benton County, Tennessee for the actual cost of said survey at closing.

SECTION 2. A new Section 2 is hereby inserted into the Resolution, and all subsequent sections are renumbered accordingly. The new Section 2 shall read as follows:

SECTION 2. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL. The County hereby retains a right of first refusal to repurchase the Property. If the Purchaser receives a bona fide offer from a third party to purchase the Property, the Purchaser must first offer to sell the Property back to Benton County under the same terms and conditions by providing written notice to the County Mayor. The County shall have sixty (60) days from receipt of notice to exercise this right.

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 Douglas to approve as amended Resolution No. 20260615-25 (*See Above Amendment to Resolution No. 20260615-25*). On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Bain to postpone Resolution No. 20260615-25 until August 17, 2026, Benton County Commission Meeting. Commissioner Kiehn and Commissioner Bain rescinded their motion to postpone.

RESOLUTION NO. 20260615-26

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY PRIVATE ACTS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Private Acts Committee & Budget Committee

June 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BENTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY APPROVING
CHAPTER 73 OF THE PRIVATE ACTS OF 2026.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted Chapter 73 of the Private Acts of 2026, generally relative to providing Benton County, Tennessee with a modern and efficient system for the management of County finances, including, but not limited to, budgeting, investment oversight, debt management, and cash management oversight; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 18 and Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Private Act requires local approval to become operative; and

WHEREAS, said Private Act mandates that local approval be executed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of this Legislative Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Camden, Tennessee, on this 15th day of June 2026, as follows:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF ACT: Chapter 73 of the Private Acts of 2026 is hereby formally approved, ratified, and adopted in its entirety.

SECTION 2. CERTIFICATION: The Presiding Officer of this Legislative Body is authorized and directed to promptly certify the results of this approval and adoption to the Tennessee Secretary of State pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-3-202.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, as the public welfare requires it.

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

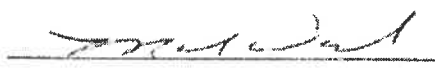
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20260615-26. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

******See Below Tennessee Private Acts
Chapter No. 73******



State of Tennessee
PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 73

HOUSE BILL NO. 2669

By Representative Reedy

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2731

By Senator Stevens

AN ACT to amend Chapter 541 of the Private Acts of 1939; as amended and rewritten by Chapter 32 of the Private Acts of 1999; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to Benton County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 541 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended and rewritten by Chapter 32 of the Private Acts of 1999, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the chapter and substituting:

Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide Benton County with a modern and efficient system for the management of County finances, including, but not limited to, budgeting, investment oversight, debt management, and cash management oversight.

Section 2.

The following definitions apply to the terms used in this Act:

(1) The term "budget" shall mean the appropriation of money appropriated by the County Legislative Body for each department or activity of Benton County for the period shown by the adoption of the budget by the County Legislative Body and any appropriation authorized by statute.

(2) The term "official of the county" shall mean any official authorized by the County Legislative Body or the statutes of the State of Tennessee to draw from the Trustee and expend money of Benton County.

(3) The term "budget committee" shall mean a committee of five (5) members appointed by the County Legislative Body of Benton County as hereinafter provided.

(4) The term "expenditure" or "expend" shall mean the act of committing Benton County to expend monies then and there in the Office of the County Trustee or to come into the office of the County Trustee of Benton County.

(5) The term "obligation" shall mean a legal commitment that will result in a future payment by Benton County.

(6) The term "County Legislative Body" shall mean the County Legislative Body of Benton County, Tennessee.

Section 3. The Budget Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) members of the County Legislative Body, who shall be appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the County Legislative Body. The Budget Committee is to receive as compensation for their services in the preparation and supervision of the making of the budget a per diem fee as set by the County Legislative Body each fiscal year. The Budget Committee shall have the power and authority to employ such help and assistance as may be necessary to properly prepare and work out the budget and to do the matters in connection with said work and in

preparation of said budget, as required by this Act, and to fix the wages or pay for the services of such help and assistance as may be employed for that purpose and approved by the County Legislative Body.

Section 4. Immediately after the second Monday of March, the Budget Committee of Benton County shall begin the preparation of a budget, containing a complete plan, itemized and classified according to function and activity of all proposed expenditures and all estimated revenues by sources, including borrowings by or for the county, for the ensuing appropriation year, which shall begin on the first day of July of each year, or at such other date as may be provided for by law, for the beginning of the appropriation year. Opposite each item of proposed expenditure, the budget shall show in separate parallel columns the amount appropriated for the preceding appropriation year, the amount expended during that year, the amount appropriated for the current appropriation year, and increases and decreases in the proposed expenditures for the ensuing year as compared with the appropriation for the current year. This budget shall be accompanied by a statement of the contemplated revenues, including borrowings, of Benton County for the ensuing appropriation year; and an itemized and complete financial balance sheet of each fund account of Benton County, at the close of the last preceding appropriation year.

Section 5. A brief synopsis of the budget, as prepared by or under the supervision of said Budget Committee, shall be posted at one (1) or more public places in said county, including the bulletin board at the courthouse door, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to each County Legislative Body member and notice given of one (1) or more public hearings, at least five (5) days prior to the date of such hearing, at which citizens of said county shall have the right to attend and state their views thereon. The Budget Committee shall submit said budget with current notes in the margin to the County Legislative Body at such time as will allow the County Legislative Body to adopt the budget at or prior to the July meeting with recommendation for adoption of said budget as may be agreed upon by the committee. However, it shall not be mandatory upon the County Legislative Body to adopt the budget recommended by the Budget Committee, but if said budget is not adopted, it will be sent back to the Budget Committee up to two (2) times, and the Budget Committee will review and make recommendations back to the County Legislative Body within five (5) days. If the budget fails the third time, the County Legislative Body shall prepare and adopt a budget of its own, using the budget estimate as a basis, but appropriating such sums as the County Legislative Body may deem proper for the expenses listed under subdivision (2) of Section 6 of this Act, whether greater or less than the budget estimate, but no appropriation recommended by the budget estimate under subdivisions (1) and (3) of Section 6 of this Act shall be reduced by the County Legislative Body, and the taxes levied for such appropriations may be over and above all other taxes authorized or limited by law, and the County Legislative Body shall, by appropriate order, adopt and enter upon the minutes of the County Legislative Body a budget covering all expenditures for the county for the next appropriation year, itemized and classified as required by Sections 5 and 6 of this Act. The County Legislative Body can however increase OR reduce any line item as long as they follow the state rules concerning the "Maintenance of effort" expenditures, and pay schedules set by the state. It shall be mandatory upon the County Legislative Body to adopt a resolution or fix a tax rate, levying upon all property subject to taxation within the county, and basing such levy upon the current tax collection experience of the preceding fiscal year, such rate of tax as may be required to produce the sum necessary to balance the budget upon an available fund balance. In order that the current tax levy shall be truly based upon the current tax collection experience of the preceding year, such current tax levy shall be determined by dividing the sum necessary to be raised in order to balance the budget, by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage obtained by dividing the amount of current taxes collected in cash in the preceding fiscal year by the amount of the taxes levied and payable in such preceding fiscal year. The budget should be approved on or before July 1, if possible. If not, the State Comptroller's Office may grant an extension after a showing of extraordinary circumstances, if it goes beyond August 31.

Section 6.

The sum necessary to balance the budget as provided in Section 5 of this Act, shall be ascertained by adding the appropriation included in said budget, which shall be as follows:

- (1) The full amount required for interest on the indebtedness of the county and for sinking funds for the retirement of the bonded indebtedness of the county as it matures in an orderly and systematic financial manner, and for the principal payment of serial bonds maturing during the fiscal year.
- (2) The amount of any cash deficit, being the sum of all outstanding and unpaid bills or other lawful obligations and all amounts payable to all special funds of the county at the close of the last preceding fiscal year incurred for debt or other lawful charges in connection with the operation of the county to the extent that such sums exceed the

available fund balance and/or cash on hand or on deposit to the credit of the general funds of the county in relation to expenditures for strictly county general expenses, and the school, highway department and other funds, for those purposes, and by deducting them from, the estimate of the cash receipts to be available during the current year, from the taxes and miscellaneous revenue. Departments/offices can only spend funds that have been legally obligated.

(3) The Budget Committee of Benton County shall require the heads or other responsible representatives of all departments, divisions, boards, agencies, or offices of said county, to furnish such information as may be deemed advisable and, in such form, as may be required in relation to their respective affairs and activities. All departments shall provide the budget committee the number of authorized positions in their budget information, and this information shall be included in the final budget to the County Legislative Body.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Benton County School Board and County Director of Schools of Benton County, to prepare and file with the Budget Committee, an itemized statement or budget, as specified in Section 4 of this Act, and figured and ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of this Act, of the funds which said board and Director of Schools estimate will be necessary for the maintenance and operation of the schools and expenses incident thereto for the year commencing the first day of July following the filing of such statement or budget, so that said school budget may be presented to the County Legislative Body by the Budget Committee along with the regular county budget.

Section 7. The County Legislative Body shall cause to be made out immediately preceding the July meeting or when budget is passed by said County Legislative Body in every year hereafter a statement showing the aggregate amount of the receipts and itemized disbursements of the twelve (12) month period ending on June 30. A copy of such statement shall be posted on the bulletin board at the courthouse door of said county.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the County Mayor to install and maintain or to cause to be installed and maintained a set of accounts as prescribed by the County Legislative Body and this Act, classified according to functions and activities, which will at all times reveal the amount appropriated, the amount expended to date chargeable against such appropriations and the unexpended balance of such appropriations. Furthermore, it shall be the duty of every official of the county, before making an expenditure for any purpose, whether it be for personal services, contracted services, materials and supplies, equipment, bounties and claims, pensions and relief contributions, or debt service, to issue or cause to be issued to the County Mayor's office a requisition, and to receive from the County Mayor's office a purchase order, which among other things, shall show the unexpended balance of the appropriation against which such purchase order or requisition has been charged.

Section 9. If any official of Benton County who has the power, right, or authority to expend county funds from the County Trustee or funds coming into the County Trustee from the State of Tennessee expends any sum in excess of the monies or funds actually in the County Trustee to the credit of the official's department of the county government or in excess of the budget adopted by the County Legislative Body covering that certain period of time as shown by the budget, such county official making any overdrafts of the County Trustee or commitment in excess of the amount appropriated for the specific purpose for which the expenditure was made by the County Legislative Body of Benton County, shall be personally liable, together with the sureties of his official bonds, to Benton County for such overdraft, and/ or the payee of any such warrant for the full amount of such overdraft or over-expenditure, and the county and/or payee of any such warrants, shall have a cause of action of debt to recover from such official or officials and their bondsmen, the amount of the overdraft or over-expenditure, with interest from the date of issuance of such warrants.

Section 10. Appropriations for which no provision was made in the budget as adopted, shall be made only from any unassigned fund balance resulting from an unappropriated balance of the tax rate, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the County Legislative Body.

Section 11. Investing Idle County funds. The County Legislative Body shall establish and approve policies and procedures for investing idle cash funds in various investments in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-8-301.

Section 12. The County Legislative Body, Budget Committee, or other officials, employees, or members of the Board of education or Highway Department, including spouses, shall not be financially interested or have any personal beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in the purchase of any supplies, materials, equipment or property for the county.

Section 13. Any official or employee under the employment of Benton County who is found to be in violation of this Act or fails to conform to the provisions of this Act commits official misconduct and is subject to removal from office or position. Under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-47-103, the county attorney is directed to investigate any complaint alleging that a county officer within their jurisdiction is guilty of any of the acts constituting official misconduct as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-47-101 , and upon determination of reasonable cause, to institute a proceeding in the appropriate court to oust such official.

Section 14. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

Section 15. Modification of Dates. The deadline dates as set forth in this Act may be necessary to update due to law changes and certain emergencies recognized by the State of Tennessee. When these events occur within the county, the County Legislative Body shall approve the changed date on a temporary basis and report the amended dates.

Section 16. Supersedes other Acts. Upon this Act becoming effective in Benton County, this Act shall supersede the provisions of any Private Act in conflict with this Act in Benton County, including any private acts, or amendments thereto, adopted by the County Legislative Body of Benton County before or after the date this Act becomes effective in Benton County.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Benton County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in SECTION 2.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2669

PASSED: April 23. 2026


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2026


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR

NOTARIES

James W. Melton, John W. Whitworth, Tanya Bates, Donna J. Bowers, Angie Blackburn, and Candy L. Eaton

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve notaries. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Lashlee 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 JUNE 15, 2026, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.


COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD


COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN