BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON OCTOBER 8. 2026, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A SPECIAL CALLED SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 6:00PM.

Opening of the meeting was by Dan Clark. Invocation was by Tim Vick and Pledge of Allegiance was by Randy Shannon.

ROLL CALL BY CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK, Donna Melton- 14 Present and 4 Absent
(Keith Arnold, Phil Melton, Rocky Presson, Terry Kiehn)

ANNOUNCING OF THE QUORUM BY CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK DONNA MELTON

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion was made by commissioner Rosanne Ward move resolution four in front of resolution three. To discuss. Voice vote 14 Ayes,0 no and 4 Absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shannon and seconded by Commissioner Price. Voice vote 14 Ayes, 0 no and 4 Absent.

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) A RESOLUTION FOR BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR THE

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026. (20261008-01)

3) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE. (20261008-02)

4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF $250,000.00 TO BEGIN CLOSING OUT THE ARPA TDEC GRANT FOR CONTRACTUAL EXPENDITURES, SUBJECT TO FULL REIMBURSEMENT. (20261008-03)

5) Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 20261008-01
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE
October 8, 2026

A RESOLUTION FOR BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, Benton County Board of Commissioners utilizes standing committees to efficiently review

legislation, manage county operations, and make informed recommendations to the full legislative body;

and,

WHEREAS, the appointed commissioners onto these essential standing committee boards are a matter of critical governance; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the county to maintain full transparency, equity,

and oversight regarding the composition of these committees; and,

WHEREAS, the appointments detailed herein are intended to take effect as of September 1, 2026, to

ensure administrative continuity and validate all committee actions taken since that date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Commissioners assembled in a special called meeting on this 8th day of October, 2026 that the budget committee members are appointed as detailed in the attached document.

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 Furr and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve Resolution No. 20201028-01. On roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion passed.

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261008--02
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE
October 8, 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE.

WHEREAS, the County Legislative Commission operates under a set of established Rules of Order and Procedure to ensure efficient, fair, and transparent public meetings; and
WHEREAS, periodic review of these governing rules is a best practice to ensure compliance with updated state statutes, modern technology, and local governance needs; and
WHEREAS, the Commission desires to formally initiate a collaborative process to evaluate, discuss, and consider potential updates or amendments to its current Rules of Order and Procedure.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Commissioners, assembled in a special called meeting on this 8 th day of October, 2026 that this Commission formally authorizes the review and discussion of the Commission's Rules of Order and Procedure.

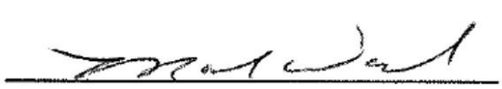
Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED: ATTEST:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to bring Resolution number 20261008-02 to the floor for discussion.

Discussion resulted in no vote on resolution Chairman Ward stated that, Commission had until November 30,2026 to come to conclusion on this matter. See video archives for further information if needed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261008-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 8, 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF $250,000.00 TO BEGIN CLOSING OUT THE ARPA TDEC GRANT FOR CONTRACTUAL EXPENDITURES, SUBJECT TO FULL REIMBURSEMENT.

WHEREAS, the County previously entered into contracts and obligations eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) TDEC Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the County is currently finalizing operations to officially close out the ARPA TDEC grant program; and,

WHEREAS, the contractual expenditures totaling $250,000.00 are to fulfill these approved projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally appropriate these funds to the designated expenditure accounts to ensure timely contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, all advanced county funds expended under this authorization are eligible for and shall be fully reimbursed through the appropriate ARPA grant program or federal recovery allocation upon invoice and reporting submission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Commissioners assembled in a special called meeting on this 8th day of October, 2026, that the Benton County Budget be amended to appropriate and budget funds within the proper account line items as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$250,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

171.91110.316	CONTRIBUTIONS	$250,000.00

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

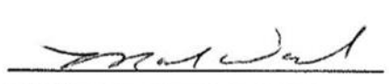
On a Roll Call Vote _____Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____Passed _____Absent

APPROVED: ATTEST:

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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Furr. On roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Horton at 6:35

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CLETIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE OCTOBER 8,2026, BENTON COUNTY SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.

APPROVED:

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County Mayor, Mark Ward

ATTEST:

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County Clerk, Wanda Malin

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