BENTON COUNTY OCOTOBER 19,2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON OCOTOBER 19, 2026, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00PM

Opening of the meeting was by Sheriff Christopher appointee Dan Clark. Invocation was led by Commissioner Furr and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Shaw.

ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN 15 PRESENT AND 3 ABSENT (R. PRESSON, P. MELTON, AND R. WARD) ACTING CHAIRMAN IN WARD ABSENTS WAS COMMISSIONER JEFF MURPHY.

ANNOUNCING OF THE QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve agenda. On voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent.

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) Guest Speaker, Mark Hawk

6) Approval of Minutes

7) Report of Public Utilities

8) RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $188,000.00 from the Federal fund balance for transportation equipment. **(20261019-01)**

9) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate funds in the amount of $175,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for transportation equipment. **(20261019-02)**

10) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $78,060.00 received from the TN Tutoring Grant to various expenditure line items within the school's budget. **(20261019-03)**

11) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $25,000.00 received as a gift from TVA for the purchase of instructional supplies. **(20261019-04)**

12) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $20,480.00 to adjust Board Members' compensation in accordance with the county commissioner's salary adjustment. **(20261019-05)**

13) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to transfer funds in the amount of $57,500.00 within the school's budget to cover deficits in subsidiary expenditures for the fiscal year 2026-2027. **(20261019-06)**

14) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $300.00 received from Sex Offenders Registry to appropriate line items in the Sheriff's budget for expenditure. **(20261019-07)**

15) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $325.00 received from miscellaneous refunds to proper line items for expenditure. **(20261019-08)**

16) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of $2,929.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the line item within the Sheriff's Budget to cover an expected shortfall of funds. **(20261019-09)**

17) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of $17,224.00 from the Unassigned Fund balance to the line item within the Sheriff's budget to cover an expected shortfall of funds. **(20261019-10)**

18) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of $24,349.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the line item within the Sheriff's Budget to cover an expected shortfall of funds. **(20261019-11)**

19) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $11,927.00 to proper expenditure line items within the Jail's Budget to purchase mattresses for the Jail. **(20261019-12)**

20) A RESOLUTION to amend Resolution 20260921-05 to correct an appropriation within the Sheriff's Department Budget by eliminating a duplicate expenditure error in the original resolution. **(20261019-13)**

21) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks to budget insurance recovery funds in the amount of $109,852.00 for highway equipment. **(20261019-14)**

22) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds from Insurance Recovery to Capital Outlay Highway Equipment. **(20261019-15)**

23) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATION GRANTING TENNESSEE COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE, ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR, AND APPROVE OR DENY DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. **(20261019-16)**

24) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Joe Buchanan to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a two (2) year term. **(20261019-17)**

25) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Beverly Hicks to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a two (2) year term. **(20261019-18)**

26) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of $165.84 received as interest on the Ona Florence Trust CD to the proper expenditure line item. **(20261019-19)**

27) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of $105.00 received from a fundraiser to the Senior Center Budget. **(20261019-20)**

28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $13,713.20 to cover a shortfall in part-time personnel in the County Buildings budget. **(20261019-21)**

29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from airport grants in the amount of $13,116.50 to the airport's budget. **(20261019-22)**

30) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $450.00 within the Parks and Fair budget to settle an outstanding July 2026 mowing invoice. **(20261019-23)**

31) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $2,000.00 to Juvenile Court to replenish Contracts with Other Agencies. **(20261019-24)**

32) A RESOLUTION amending the Benton County Budget to transfer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant funds in the amount of $28,866.53 to a proper line item to the Capital Project Fund 171 and close out account 127.47402. **(20261019-25)**

33) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds to an expenditure line in the amount of $14,071.73 to make a payment to the ARPA Broadband Accessibility Grant, Tech Goes Home. **(20261019-26)**

1) Appointing Notaries

2) Any Other Business

3) Adjourn

CITIZENS FOURM

Tim Tigue- About Animal Shelter fundraisers, how much help along with much appreciation fundraisers are to the shelter, with these donations of items needed on a regular basis.

Collen Tigue- About Volunteers needed at Animal Shelter. The cost of adoption fees and needing more funds for heart worms and other vaccines.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Randy Shannon- About Airport Lawsuit requested meeting for an update.

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR OR PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn for approval of the minutes. On a roll call voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion passed.

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn. On a roll vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent.

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-01
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

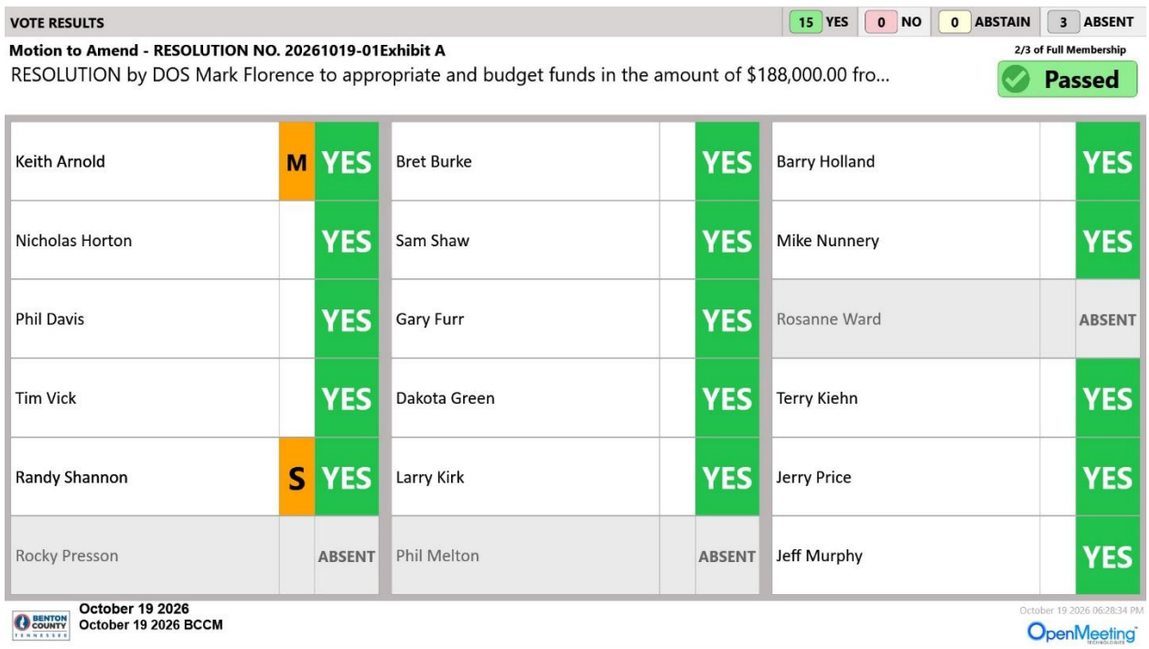
A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $188,000.00 from the Federal fund balance for transportation equipment.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education is purchasing a school bus and transferring GP funds from the Federal unassigned fund balance account used to cover Federal reimbursement funds not received in time to cover expenditures;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

49800	Transfers In	$188,000.00
72710 729	Transportation Equipment	$188,000.00



DOS Mark Florence spoke regarding resolution see video archives.

APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

AMENDMENT Resolution 20261019-01

Amendment by the Benton County DOS Mark Florence to add the fund code to the line-item Transfers.

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 19, 2026

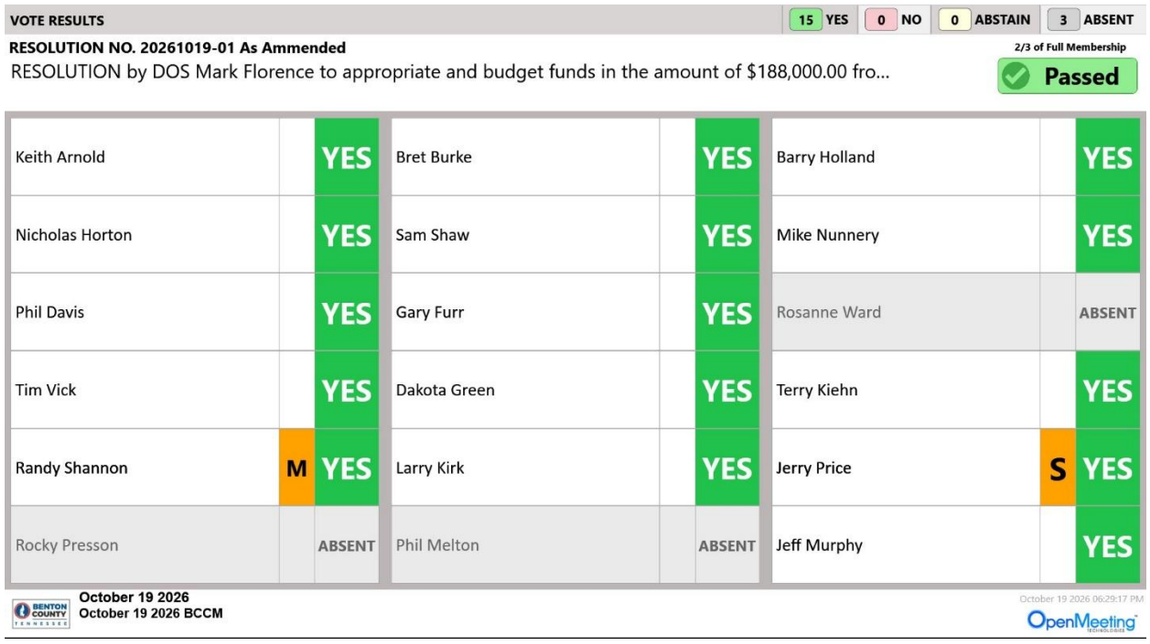
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WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education is purchasing a school bus and transferring GP funds from the Federal unassigned fund balance account used to cover Federal reimbursement funds not received in time to cover expenditures;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

141 49800	Transfers In	$188,000.00
141 72710 729	Transportation Equipment	$188,000.00



VOTE RESULTS — 15 YES | 0 NO | 0 ABSTAIN | 3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-01 As Ammended

RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $188,000.00 fro...

2/3 of Full Membership — Passed

Keith Arnold		YES	Bret Burke		YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green		YES	Terry Kiehn		YES
Randy Shannon	M	YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price	S	YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-02
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate funds in the amount of $175,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for transportation equipment.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education is purchasing a school bus and transferring the funds to purchase this bus out of fund balance;

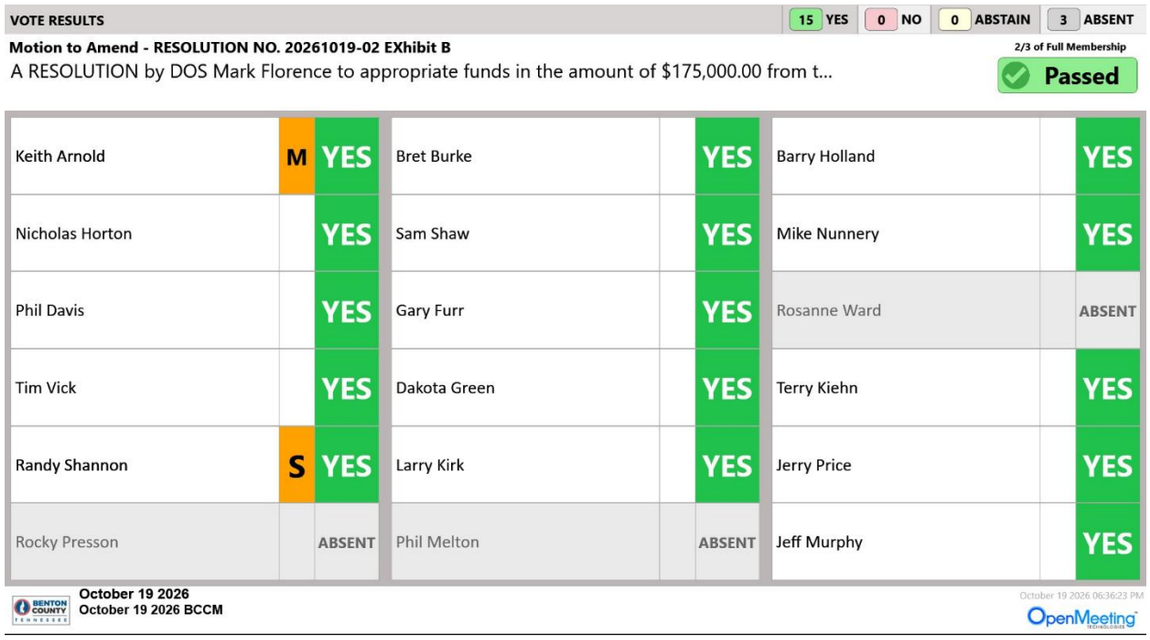
THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

72710 729	Transportation Equipment	$175,000.00

DECREASE

39000	Undesignated Fund Balance	$175,000.00



DOS Mark Florence spoke regarding resolution see video archives.

APPROVED

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

AMENDMENT Resolution 20261019-02

Amendment by the Benton County DOS Mark Florence to add the fund code to the line-item transfers.

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-02
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate funds in the amount of $175,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for transportation equipment.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education is purchasing a school bus and transferring the funds to purchase this bus out of fund balance;

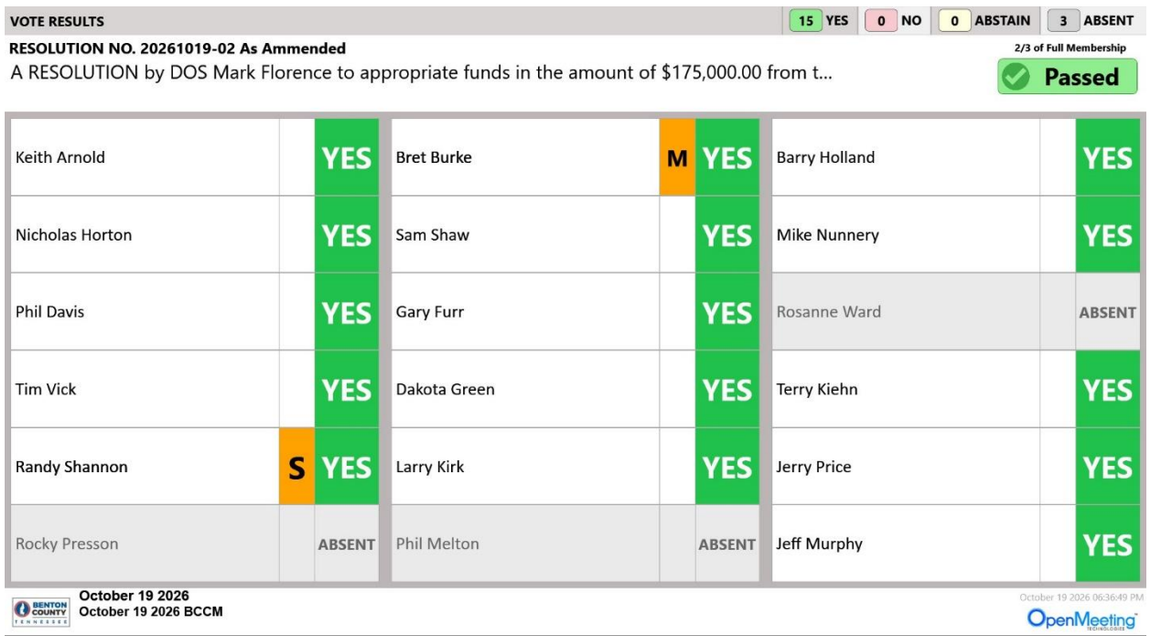
THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

141 72710 729	Transportation Equipment	$175,000.00

DECREASE

141 39000	Undesignated Fund Balance	$175,000.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-03
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

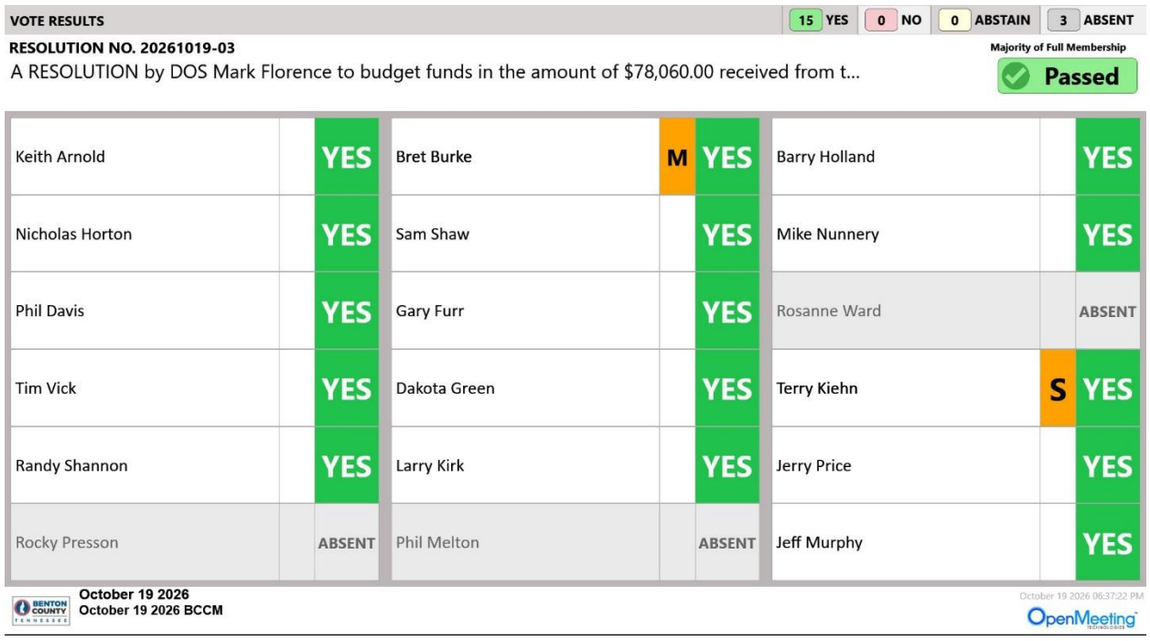
A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $78,060.00 received from the TN Tutoring Grant to various expenditure line items within the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the TN Tutoring Grant;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

46590	Other State Ed. Funds	$78,060.00
72210 189	Support Services Other Salaries	$63,562.08
72210 196	Support Services In-Service Training	2,557.92
72210 201	Social Security	4,275.00
72210 204	Retirement	6,085.20
72210 212	Medicare	1,029.00
72210 217	Stabilization Retirement	550.80



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-04
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

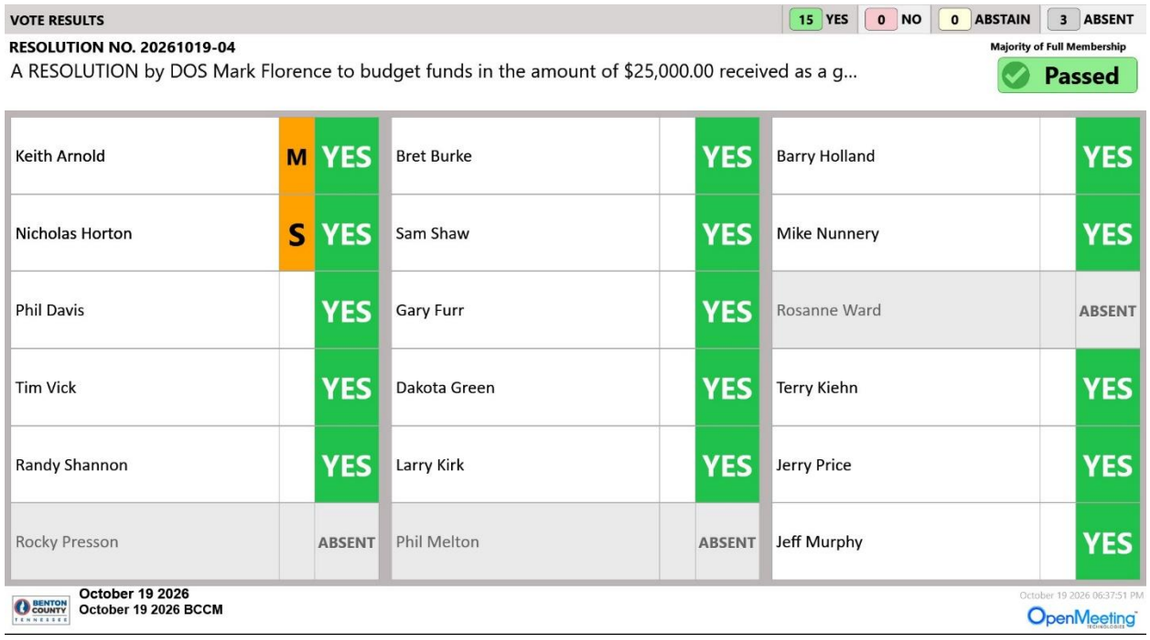
A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of $25,000.00 received as a gift from TVA for the purchase of instructional supplies.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received a gift from TVA to purchase supplies;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

44570	TVA Contributions & Gifts	$25,000.00
71100 429	TVA Instructional Supplies	$25,000.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-05
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $20,480.00 to adjust Board Members' compensation in accordance with the county commissioner's salary adjustment.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Commission voted to raise Commissioner's salaries and the Benton County Board of Education follows Commissioner's pay to pay their Board Members;

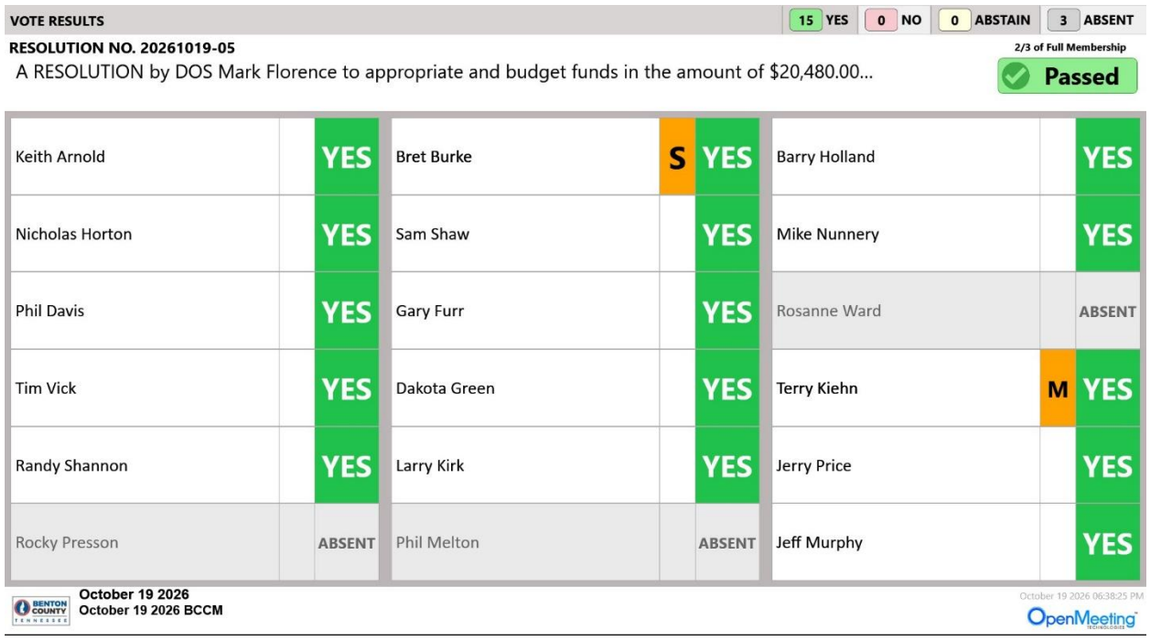
THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

72310 191	Board Members Fees	$19,000.00
72310 201	Social Security	1,200.00
72310 212	Medicare	280.00

DECREASE

39000	Undesignated Fund Balance	$20,480.00



VOTE RESULTS	15 YES	0 NO	0 ABSTAIN	3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-05
A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $20,480.00...
2/3 of Full Membership
Passed

Keith Arnold		YES	Bret Burke	S	YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green		YES	Terry Kiehn	M	YES
Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-06
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to transfer funds in the amount of $57,500.00 within the school's budget to cover deficits in subsidiary expenditures for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget;

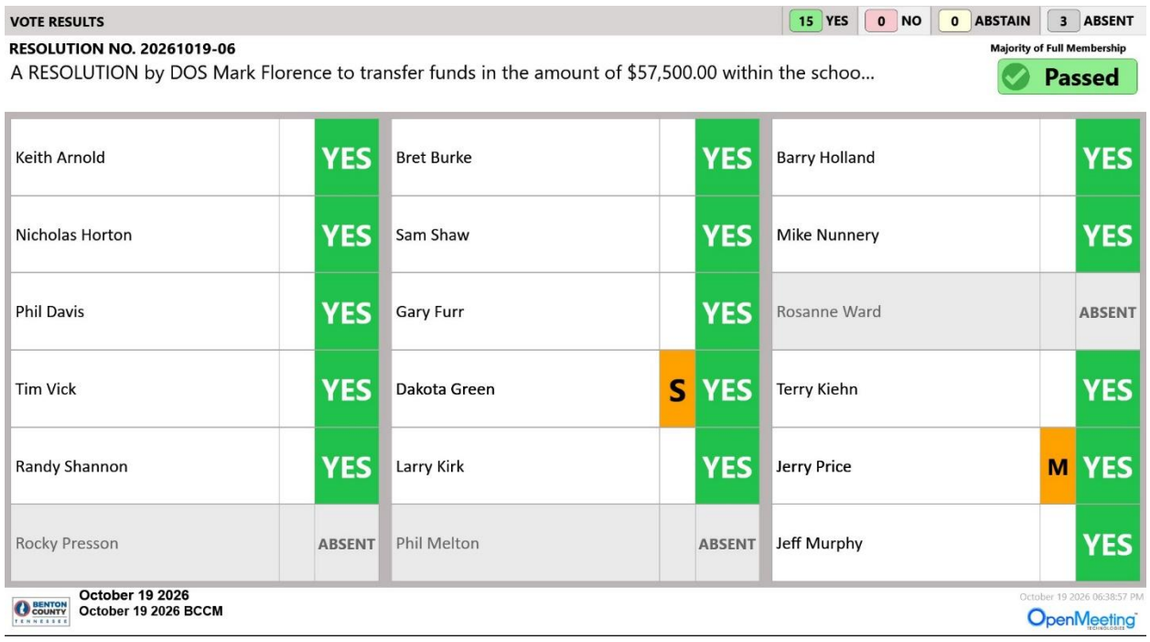
THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

INCREASE

71200 163	Special Education Assistant	$ 1,000.00
71200 171	Speech Pathologist	56,000.00
71200 217	Retirement Stabilization Rate	500.00

DECREASE

71200 116	Special Education Teachers	$57,500.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Resolution NO. 20261019-07
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $300.00 received from Sex Offenders Registry to appropriate line items in the Sheriff's budget for expenditure.

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

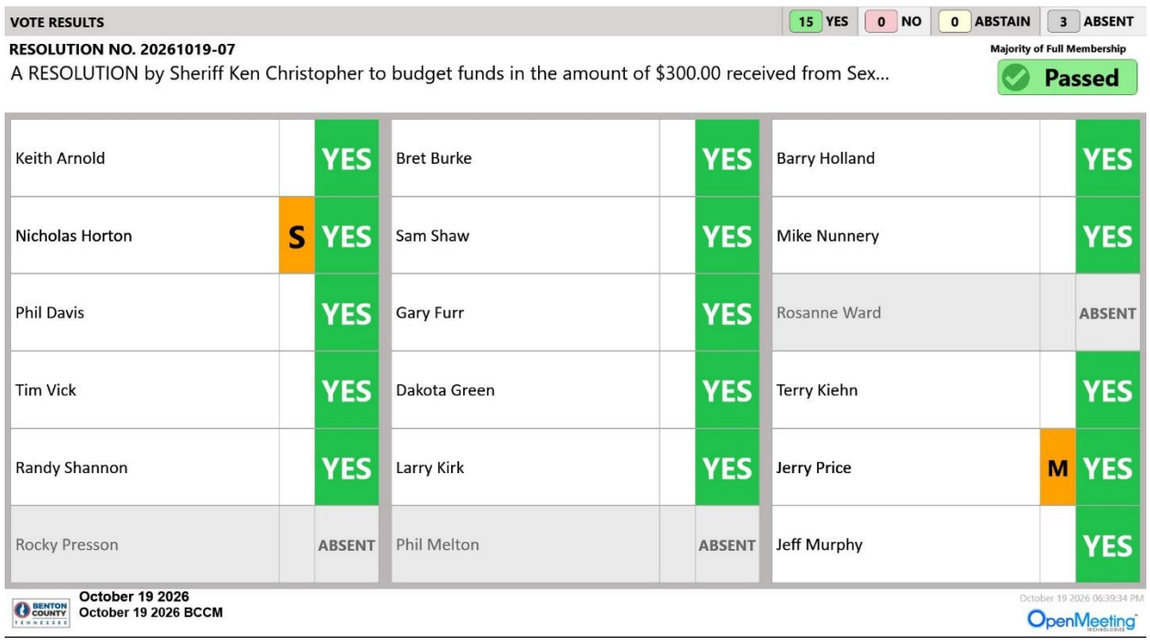
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October, 2026 that the funds in the amount of $300.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues to be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE 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	$100.00
		$300.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-08
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $325.00 received from miscellaneous refunds to proper line items for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of $325.00 for the month of September, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of $325.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within Sheriff Department Budget.

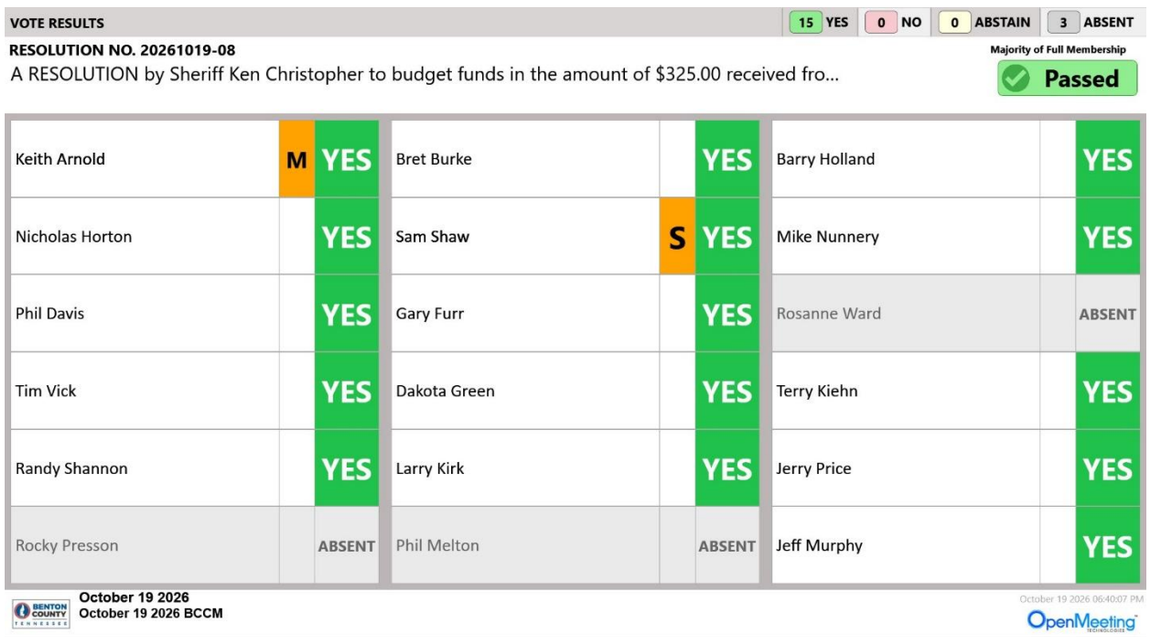
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of October, 2026 that the funds in the amount of $325.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of September, 2026 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds-(Tow Bill)	$325.00
		$325.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	$325.00
		$325.00



VOTE RESULTS	15 YES	0 NO	0 ABSTAIN	3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-08
A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of $325.00 received fro...
Majority of Full Membership: Passed

Keith Arnold	M	YES	Bret Burke		YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw	S	YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green		YES	Terry Kiehn		YES
Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-09
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of $2,929.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the line item within the Sheriff's Budget to cover an expected shortfall of funds.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Department expects a shortfall of funds in the Investigator(s) line items within the Sheriff's budget; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate additional funds to cover the expected shortfalls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19 th day of October, 2026 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

DECREASE FUND BALANCE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$2,929.00
		$2,929.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.108	INVESTIGATOR(S)	$2,929.00
		$2,929.00

PULLED

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-10
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of $17,224.00 from the Unassigned Fund balance to the line item within the Sheriff's budget to cover an expected shortfall of funds.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Department expects a shortfall of funds in the Dispatcher/Radio Operators line items within the Sheriff's budget; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate additional funds to cover the expected shortfalls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19 th day of October, 2026 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

	DECREASE FUND BALANCE:	
101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$17,224.00
		$17,224.00
	INCREASE EXPENDITURES:	
101.54110.148	DISPATCHER/RADIO OPERATOR	$17,224.00
		$17,224.00

PULLED

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-11
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate funds in the amount of $24,349.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the line item within the Sheriff's Budget to cover an expected shortfall of funds.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff Department expects a shortfall in funds in the Deputy(ies) line item to cover 14 Deputy positions within the Sheriff's budget; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate additional funds to cover the expected shortfalls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19 th day of October, 2026 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

	DECREASE FUND BALANCE:	
101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$24,349.00
		$24,349.00
	INCREASE EXPENDITURES:	
101.54110.106	DEPUTY(IES)	$24,349.00
		$24,349.00

PULLED

Resolution NO. 20261019-12
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $11,927.00 to proper expenditure line items within the Jail's Budget to purchase mattresses for the Jail.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of $11,927.00 into the appropriate line items with the Jail's budget in order to cover the approved purchases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19th day of October, 2026 that funds in the amount of $11,927.00 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	$11,927.00
		$11,927.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.499	Other Supplies & Materials	$11,927.00
		$11,927.00

PULLED

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-13
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION to amend Resolution 20260921-05 to correct an appropriation within the Sheriff's Department Budget by eliminating a duplicate expenditure error in the original resolution.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Commission passed Resolution 20260921-05 on September 21, 2026, budgeting $100,039.00 within the Sheriff's budget; and,

WHEREAS, it was subsequently discovered that the resolution contained a duplicate appropriation and that $100,039.00 had already been fully funded during the county's annual budget process; and,

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the proper and original intent of the resolution, Mayor Ward requests that the line-item 101.54110.170 (School Resource Officer) which was originally added under "INCREASE EXPENDITURES" be removed as this specific allocation was already sufficiently funded during the county's annual budget process;

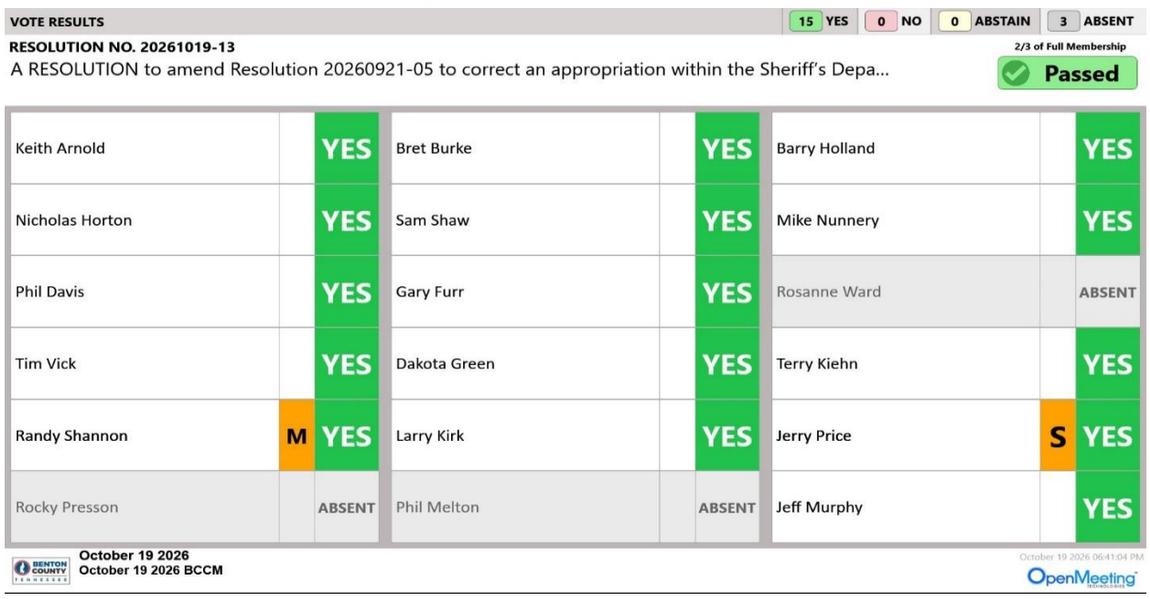
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October, 2026 that Resolution 20260921-05 be amended to remove the duplicate expense and adjust the accounts as follows:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.170	School Resource Officer	$100,039.00

INCREASE FUND BALANCE:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	$100,039.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-14
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR BRIAN HICKS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks to budget insurance recovery funds in the amount of $109,852.00 for highway equipment.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Highway Dept experienced a covered loss or damage to its highway equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Benton County Highway Department has received an insurance settlement payment totaling $109,852.00 as compensation for said loss; and,

WHEREAS, these funds must be properly recognized as revenue and officially budgeted into the Highway Department's capital outlay budget to allow for the repair or replacement of necessary equipment; and

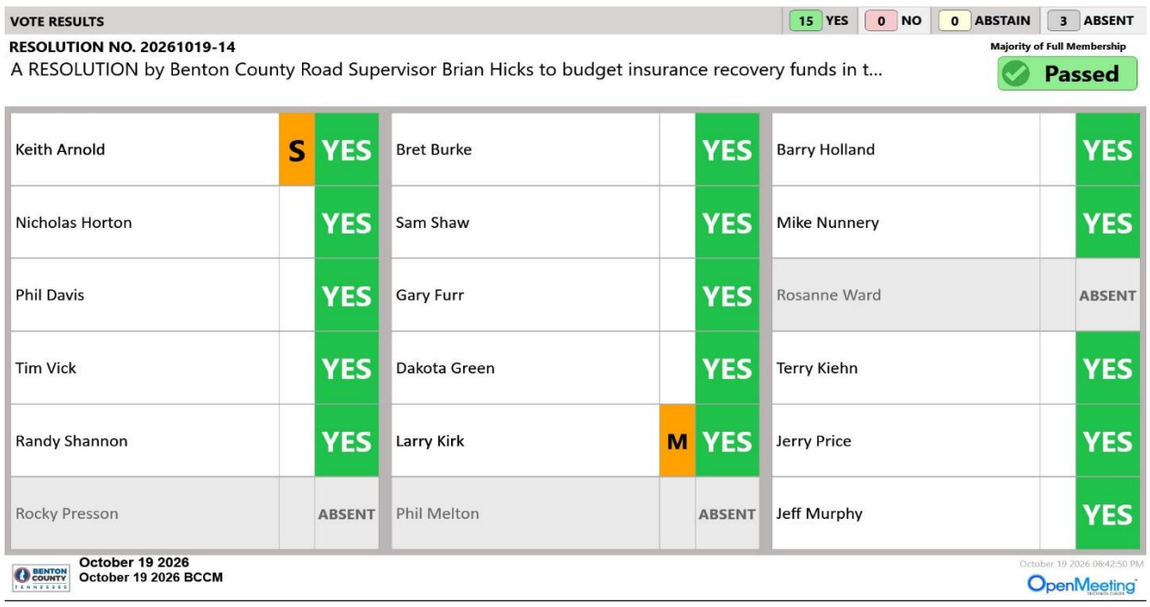
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of October, 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

131.49700	HIGHWAY FUND - INSURANCE RECOVERY	$109,852.00

INCREASE:

131.68000.714	CAPITAL OUTLAY-HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	$109,852.00



Road Supervisor Brain Hicks spoke regarding resolution see video archives.

APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-15
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR BRIAN HICKS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget to transfer funds from Insurance Recovery to Capital Outlay Highway Equipment.

WHEREAS, Benton County Highway Dept received $9,830.68 in insurance recovery funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to budget these funds into the Highway Equipment Capital Outlay account to meet the operational needs of the department; and

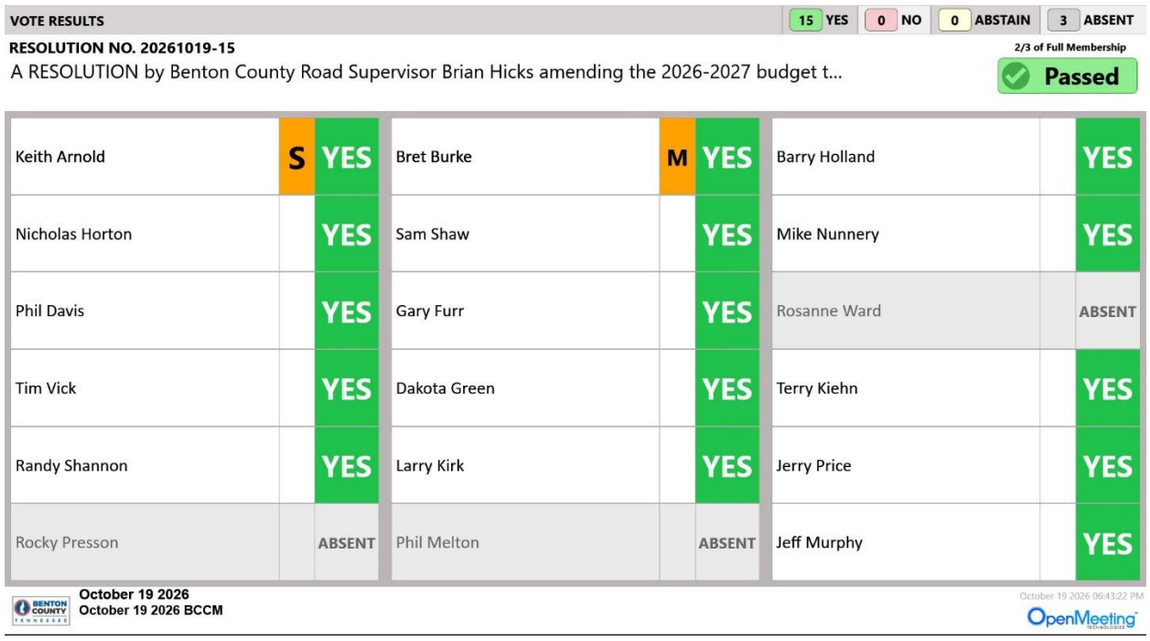
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DECREASE:

131.49700	INSURANCE RECOVERY	$9,830.68

INCREASE:

68000.714	CAPITAL OUTLAY-HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	$9,830.68



VOTE RESULTS — 15 YES | 0 NO | 0 ABSTAIN | 3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-15
A RESOLUTION by Benton County Road Supervisor Brian Hicks amending the 2026-2027 budget t...
2/3 of Full Membership
Passed

Keith Arnold	S	YES	Bret Burke	M	YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green		YES	Terry Kiehn		YES
Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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Road Supervisor Brain Hicks spoke regarding resolution see video archives.

APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION 20261019-16
CONCERNED COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY
Sponsored by: Mike Nunnery, Roseanne Ward, And Jeff Murphy

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATION GRANTING TENNESSEE COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE, ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR, AND APPROVE OR DENY DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS
October 20, 2026

WHEREAS, Benton County recognizes the importance of protecting the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents while preserving the character, resources, and long-term interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, the development and operation of large-scale data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities can have significant impacts on local communities, including demands on electrical infrastructure, water resources, roads, land use, public services, and other essential community resources; and

WHEREAS, the design, size, scale, location, and operational scope of these facilities may have lasting consequences for the communities in which they are established; and

WHEREAS, counties are uniquely positioned to understand the needs, priorities, resources, and concerns of their residents and should have meaningful authority to determine whether proposed data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities are appropriate for their communities; and

WHEREAS, local governments should not be placed in a position where they are required to accept developments that fail to meet reasonable standards established to protect the interests of their residents, property owners, businesses, infrastructure, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Benton County believes that decisions concerning the location, development, construction, expansion, and operation of data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities should include meaningful local oversight and accountability; and

WHEREAS, counties should have the authority to establish and enforce standards addressing, but not limited to, facility design, physical size, operational capacity, energy and water consumption, noise, environmental impacts, land use, infrastructure requirements, setbacks, emergency preparedness, and other matters affecting the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, such authority should include the ability of a county to review proposed projects, impose reasonable conditions, require compliance with locally established standards, deny applications that fail to meet those standards, and prohibit facilities that cannot demonstrate compliance with applicable county requirements; and

WHEREAS, Benton County supports the principle of local decision-making and believes that county residents, through their elected county officials, should have a meaningful voice in determining whether these facilities are compatible with the community's needs, resources, and long-term plans; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has the authority to consider legislation that would establish and clarify the powers of county governments concerning the regulation of data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commission hereby requests that the Tennessee General Assembly enact legislation expressly granting Tennessee counties the authority to regulate data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities within their respective jurisdictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such legislation should grant counties the authority to establish, adopt, and enforce local standards and requirements governing the design, size, scale, location, construction, expansion, and operational scope of data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commission requests that this authority include the ability of counties to establish standards addressing energy and water usage, noise, environmental protection, land use, infrastructure impacts, public safety, and any other matters reasonably related to protecting the health, safety, welfare, resources, and quality of life of county residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that counties should have the authority to review and evaluate proposed data center and cryptocurrency mining projects and to approve, conditionally approve, or deny such projects based on their compliance with locally adopted standards and requirements.

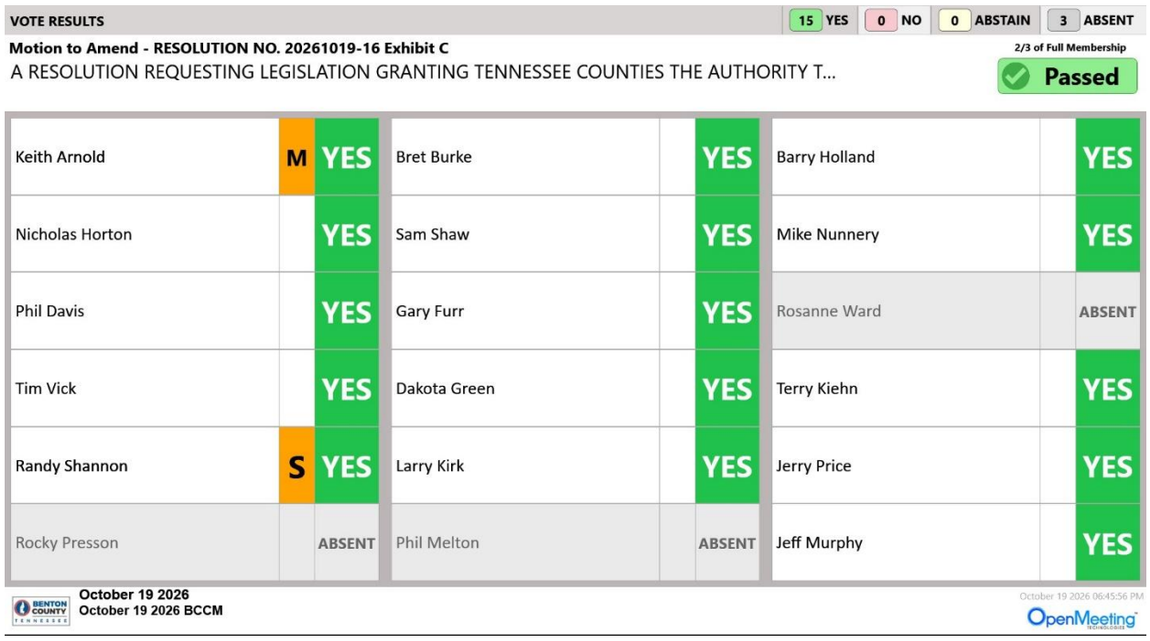
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commission specifically requests that counties be granted the authority to reject, prohibit, or turn away any proposed data center or cryptocurrency mining facility that fails to meet the county's established standards, or that cannot demonstrate compliance with the requirements imposed by the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the requested legislation should provide counties with meaningful and enforceable local control and should not allow state-level requirements or exemptions to unnecessarily prevent counties from protecting their residents, infrastructure, natural resources, and community interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commission urges the Tennessee General Assembly to recognize the importance of local authority and to work toward legislation that ensures counties retain the ability to make informed decisions about whether data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities are appropriate for their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Benton County legislative delegation, the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Tennessee Senate, and other appropriate state officials for their consideration and support.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of October, 2026, by the Benton County Commission



AMENDMENT to Resolution 20261019-16

Amendment by the Benton County Budget Committee to add verbiage to the resolution

CONCERNED COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY
Sponsored by: Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, and Jeff Murphy
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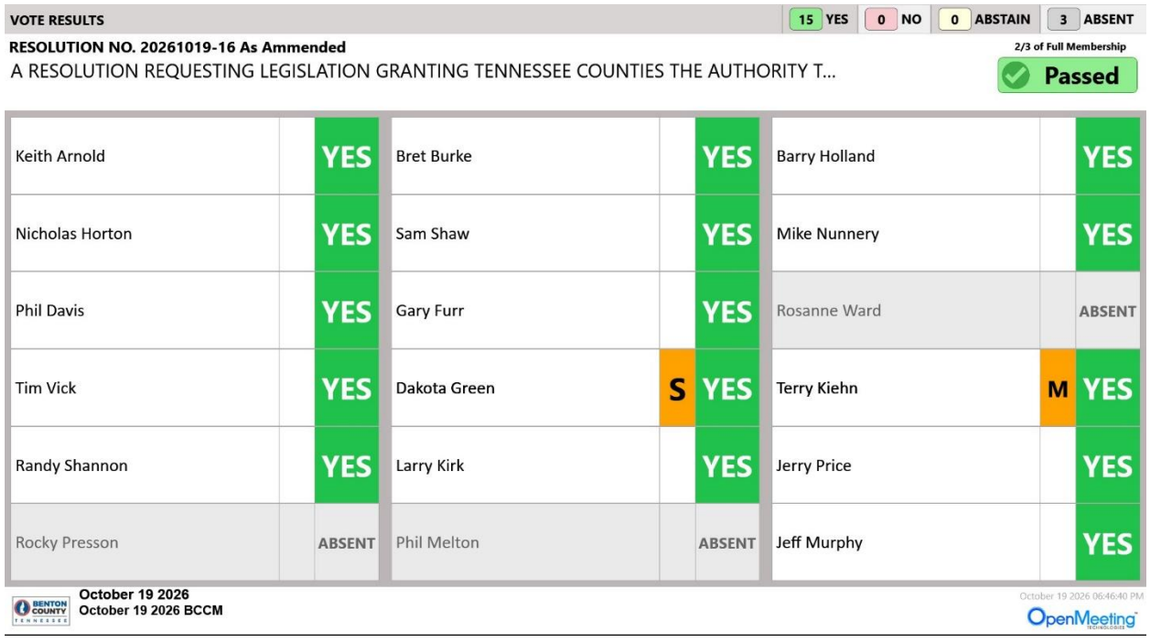
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commission urges the Tennessee General Assembly to recognize the importance of local authority and to work toward legislation that ensures counties retain the ability to make informed decisions about whether data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities are appropriate for their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any legislation granting counties regulatory authority over data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities shall preserve the existing statutory, contractual, and operational authority of Benton County Electric System and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) concerning electric service, system planning, engineering, infrastructure requirements, rates, reliability, and utility operations. Such county regulatory authority shall not supersede or conflict with the lawful responsibilities of Benton County Electric System or TVA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Benton County legislative delegation, the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Tennessee Senate, and other appropriate state officials for their consideration and support.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of October, 2026, by the Benton County Commission



VOTE RESULTS	15 YES	0 NO	0 ABSTAIN	3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-16 As Ammended

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATION GRANTING TENNESSEE COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY T...

2/3 of Full Membership — Passed

Keith Arnold		YES	Bret Burke		YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green	S	YES	Terry Kiehn	M	YES
Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019--17
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE
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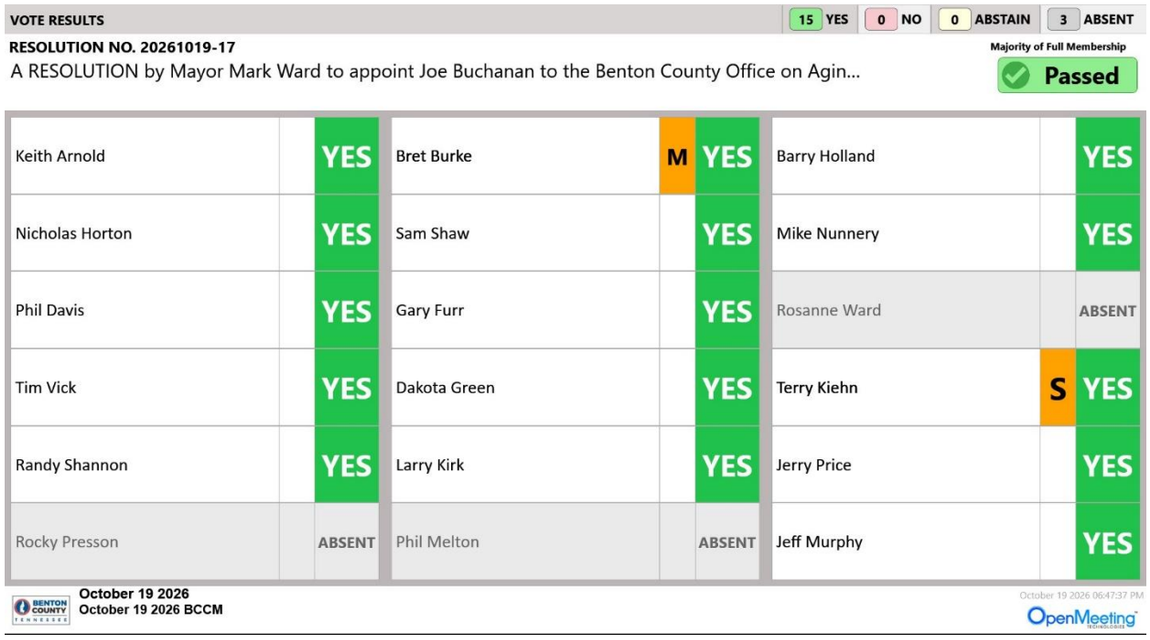
A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Joe Buchanan to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a two (2) year term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joe Buchanan has honorably served the people of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Office on Aging Board requests that Joe Buchanan be appointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 2-year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October, 2026 that Joe Buchanan be appointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term beginning November 1, 2026 until November 1, 2028.



VOTE RESULTS	15 YES	0 NO	0 ABSTAIN	3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-17
A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Joe Buchanan to the Benton County Office on Agin...
Majority of Full Membership: Passed

Keith Arnold		YES	Bret Burke	M	YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green		YES	Terry Kiehn	S	YES
Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-18
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE
October 19, 2026

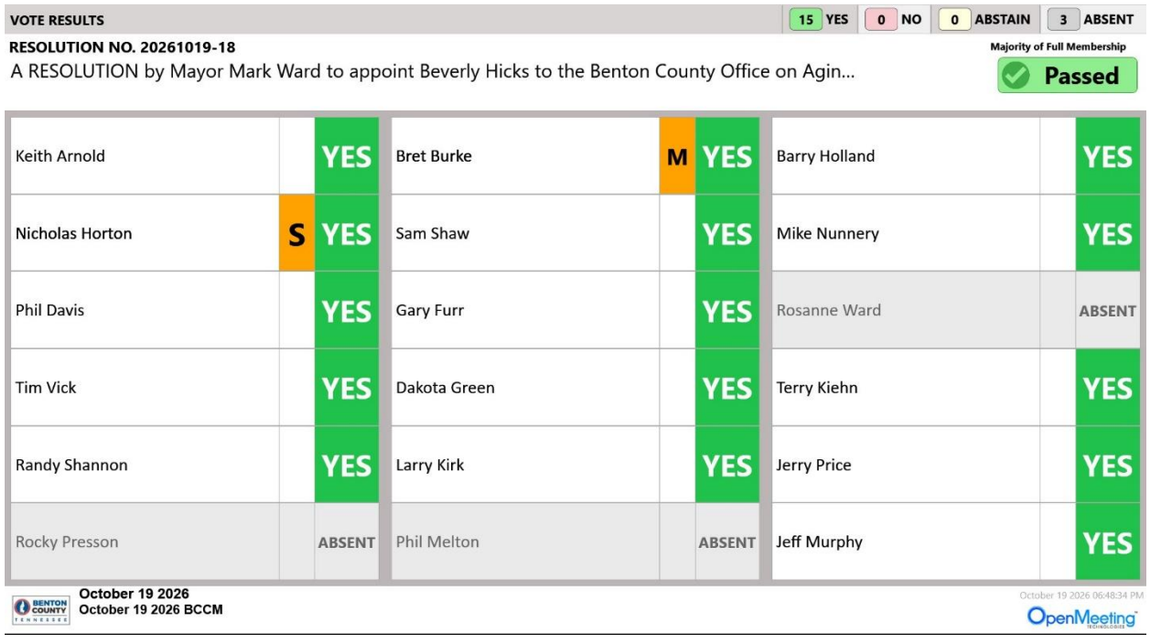
A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Beverly Hicks to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a two (2) year term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Hicks has honorably served the people of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Office on Aging requests that Beverly Hicks be appointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a two (2) year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October, 2026 that Beverly Hicks be appointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term beginning November 1, 2026 until November 1, 2028.



VOTE RESULTS	15 YES	0 NO	0 ABSTAIN	3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-18
A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Beverly Hicks to the Benton County Office on Agin...
Majority of Full Membership: Passed

Keith Arnold		YES	Bret Burke	M	YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton	S	YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
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Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-19
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of $165.84 received as interest on the Ona Florence Trust CD to the proper expenditure line item.

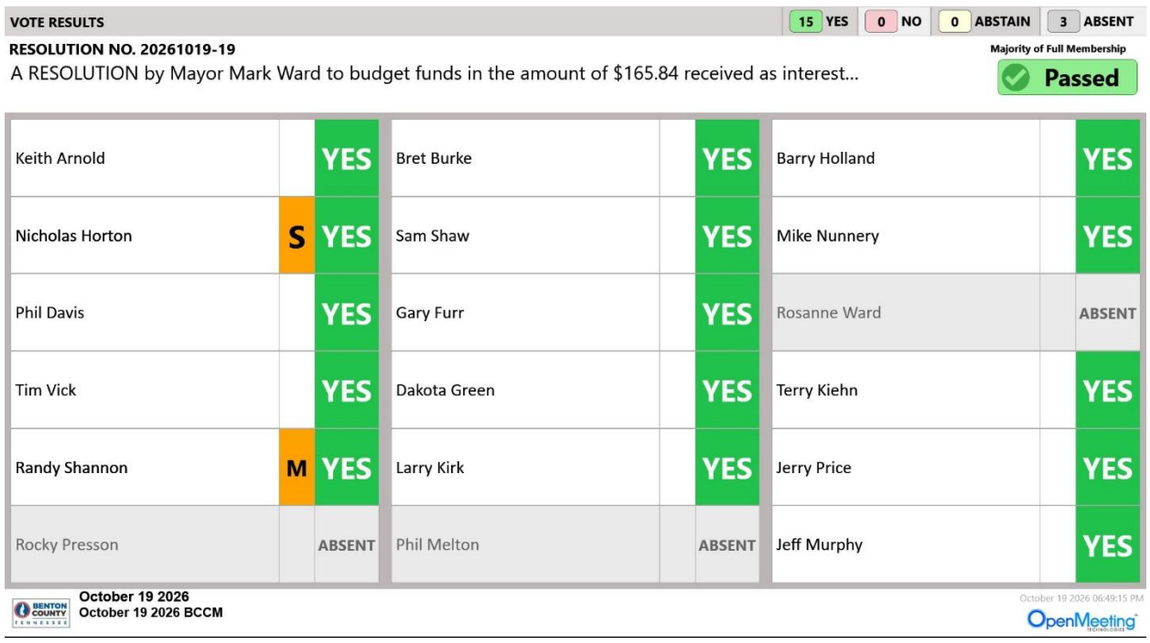
WHEREAS, Benton County has received funds in the amount of $165.84 from interest on the Ona Florence Trust Fund Certificate of Deposit, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly expend these funds, it is necessary to budget them into the proper expenditure line; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Ward requests that the funds, as outlined below, be budgeted into the proper expenditure line, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of October, 2026 that the following funds be budgeted as follows:

	DECREASE	
101.44110	INVESTMENT INCOME	$165.84
	INCREASE	
101.51300.599	OTHER CHARGES	$165.84



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-20
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of $105.00 received from a fundraiser to the Senior Center Budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Office on Aging conducted a fundraiser and received $105.00 through a fundraising raffle; and,

WHEREAS, these funds were received for the benefit of the Senior Center and should be budgeted for use in the Senior Center budget; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly utilize these funds, it is necessary to budget them to an appropriate line item for expenditure; and

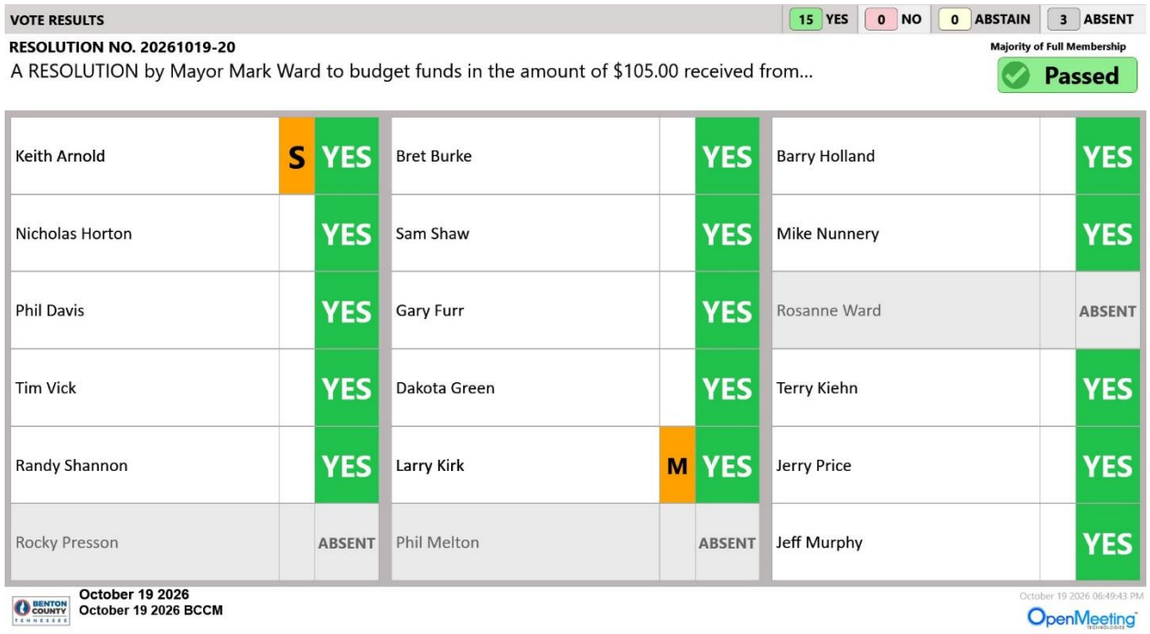
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.44570	CONTRIBUTIONS	$105.00

INCREASE:

101.56300.499	OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	$105.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-21
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $13,713.20 to cover a shortfall in part-time personnel in the County Buildings budget.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the expenditure line item for part-time personnel; and,

WHEREAS, during the county budget process, the appropriate funds were not budgeted in the part-time personnel line item; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $13,713.20 in order to cover this expenditure; and

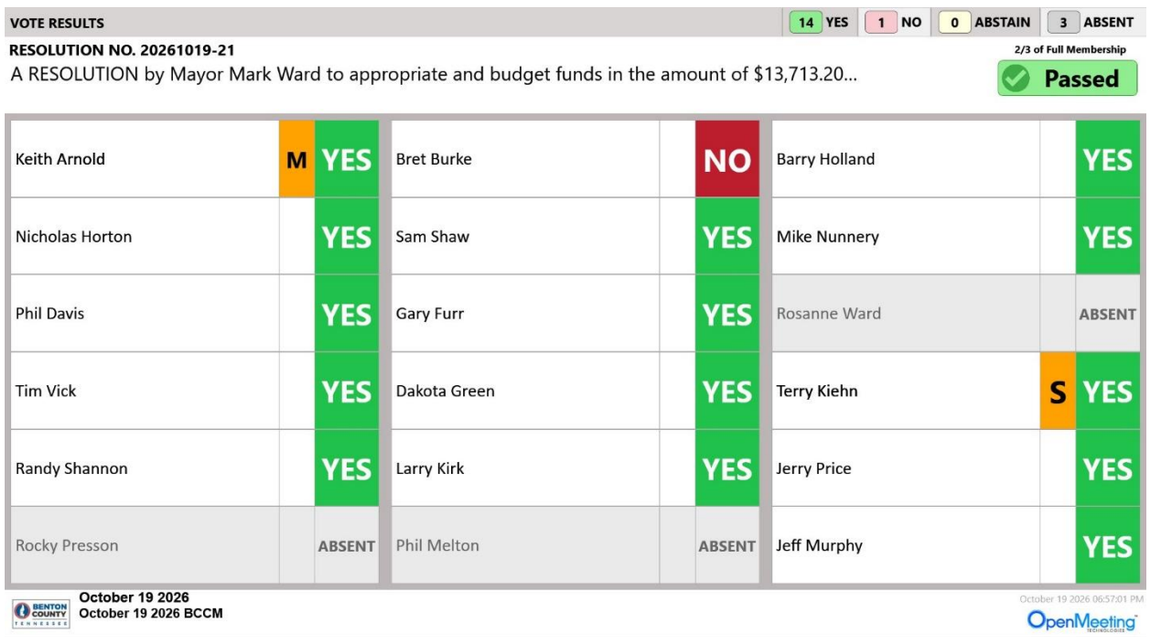
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October, 2026 that funds in the amount of $13,713.20 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$13,713.20

INCREASE:

101.51800.169	PART-TIME PERSONNEL	$13,713.20



Mayor Ward spoke regarding resolution see video archives.

APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-22
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from airport grants in the amount of $13,116.50 to the airport's budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received reimbursement for various grants in the amount of $13,116.50 from the State of Tennessee. These grants include the Windsock and Beacon Panel Grant and the Parking Lot Grant; and,

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

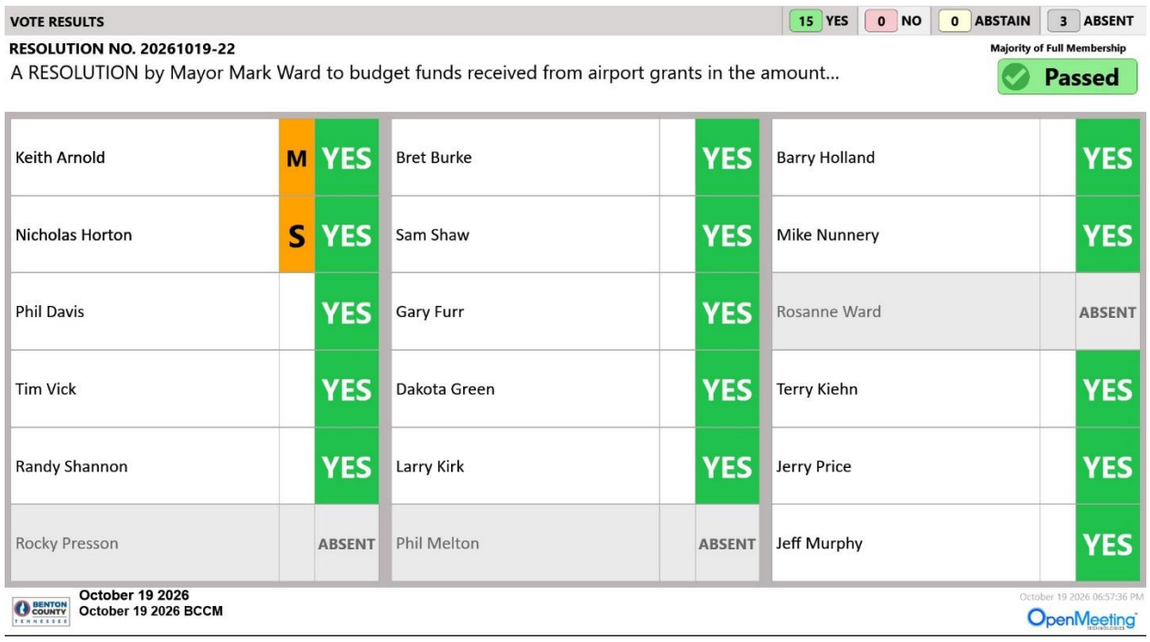
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19 th day of October 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	$ 13,116.50

INCREASE:

189.91110.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	$ 13,116.50



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-23
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $450.00 within the Parks and Fair budget to settle an outstanding July 2026 mowing invoice.

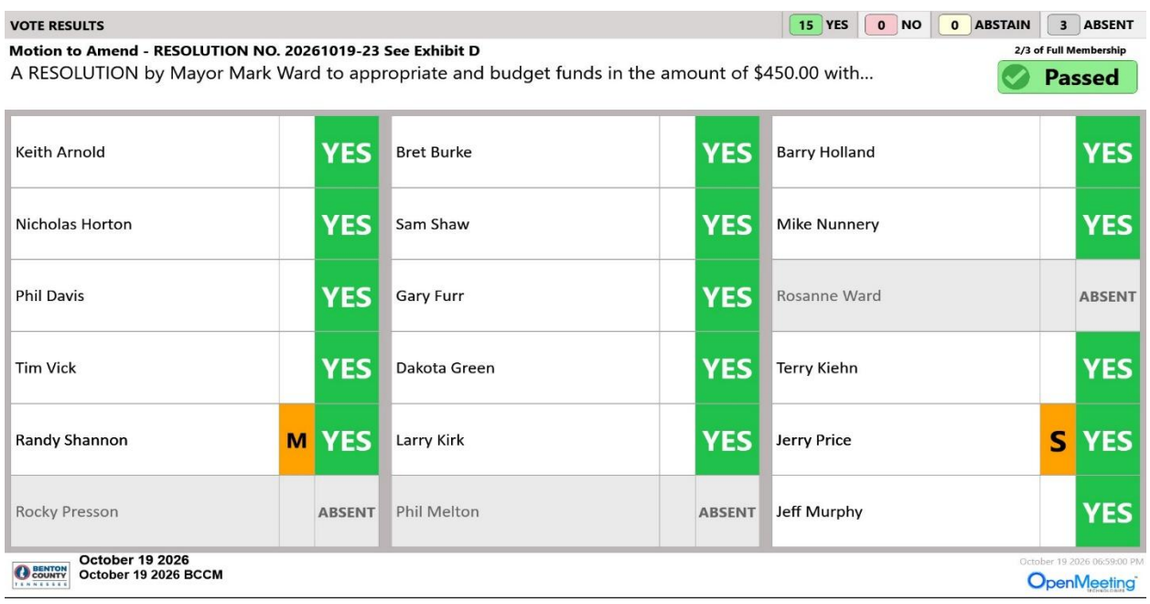
WHEREAS, the part-time ballpark mowing services position was discontinued and converted into a full-time position resulting in a lack of allocated funds within the specific part-time account line; and,

WHEREAS, due to this transition, an outstanding bill for mowing services performed in July 2026 remains unpaid; and,

WHEREAS, a shortfall exists within the Other Salaries and Wages expenditure line item, making it necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $450.00 to properly settle this outstanding obligation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of October, 2026, that the following funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

	DECREASE:	
101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$450.00
	INCREASE:	
101.56700.189	OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES	$450.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

AMENDMENT Resolution 20261019-23

Amendment by the Benton County Budget Committee to strike the words "within the Parks and Fair Budget" from the title.

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-23
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $450.00 to settle an outstanding July 2026 mowing invoice.

WHEREAS, the part-time ballpark mowing services position was discontinued and converted into a full-time position resulting in a lack of allocated funds within the specific part-time account line; and,

WHEREAS, due to this transition, an outstanding bill for mowing services performed in July 2026 remains unpaid; and,

WHEREAS, a shortfall exists within the Other Salaries and Wages expenditure line item, making it necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $450.00 to properly settle this outstanding obligation;

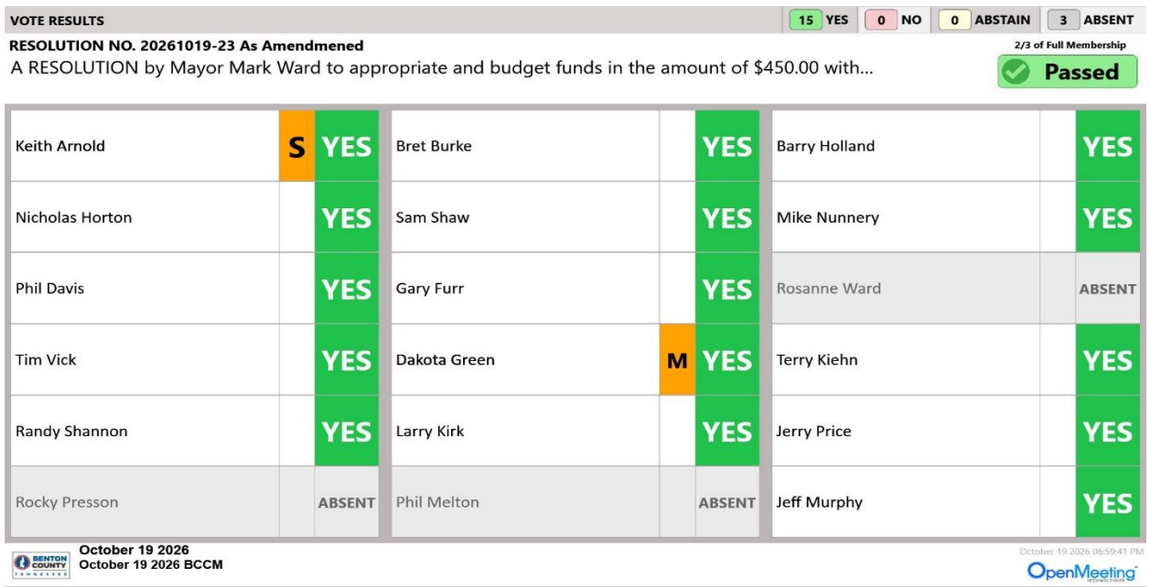
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of October, 2026, that the following funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$450.00

INCREASE:

101.56700.189	OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES	$450.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-24
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $2,000.00 to Juvenile Court to replenish Contracts with Other Agencies.

WHEREAS, due to an extended duration of residential care and facility operations, it is necessary to appropriate and budget additional funds; and,

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that funds be appropriated and budgeted for this purpose; and,

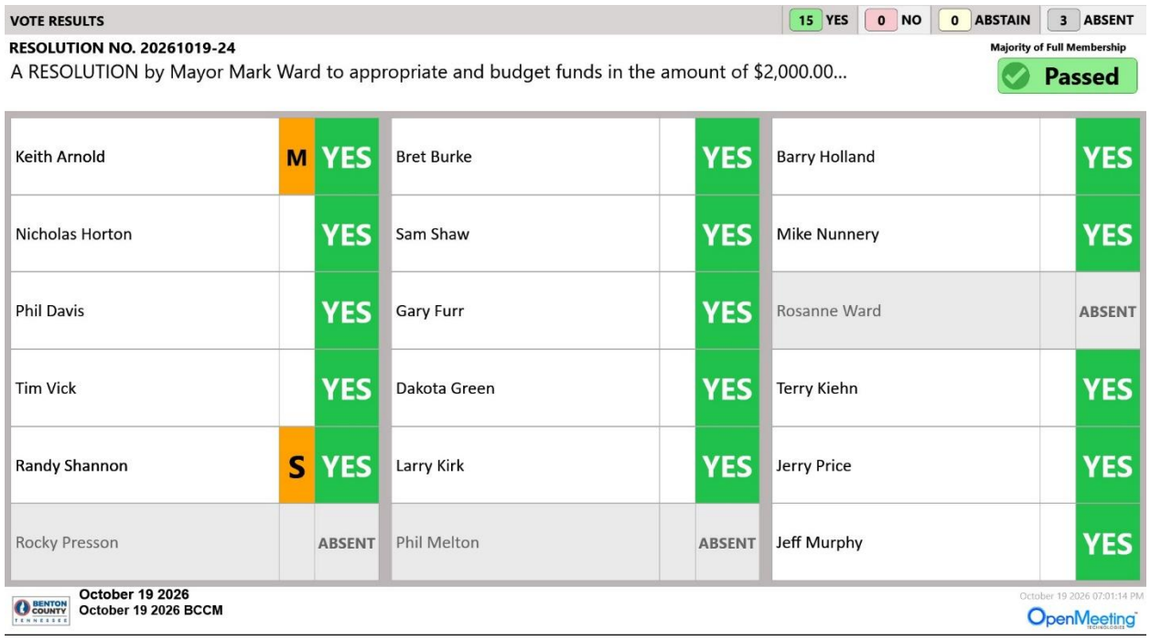
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 19th day of October, 2026 that funds in the amount of $2,000.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE FUND BALANCE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$2,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.53500.309	CONTRACTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES	$2,000.00



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-25
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION amending the Benton County Budget to transfer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant funds in the amount of $28,866.53 to a proper line item to the Capital Project Fund 171 and close out account 127.47402.

WHEREAS, funds were received by Benton County from an American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Broadband Accessibility Grant; and,

WHEREAS, in order to properly utilize and track these funds, they must be moved and budgeted to a proper expenditure line item within the Capital Project Fund (171); and

WHEREAS, following the transfer of these funds, the original account is no longer required and should be formally closed;

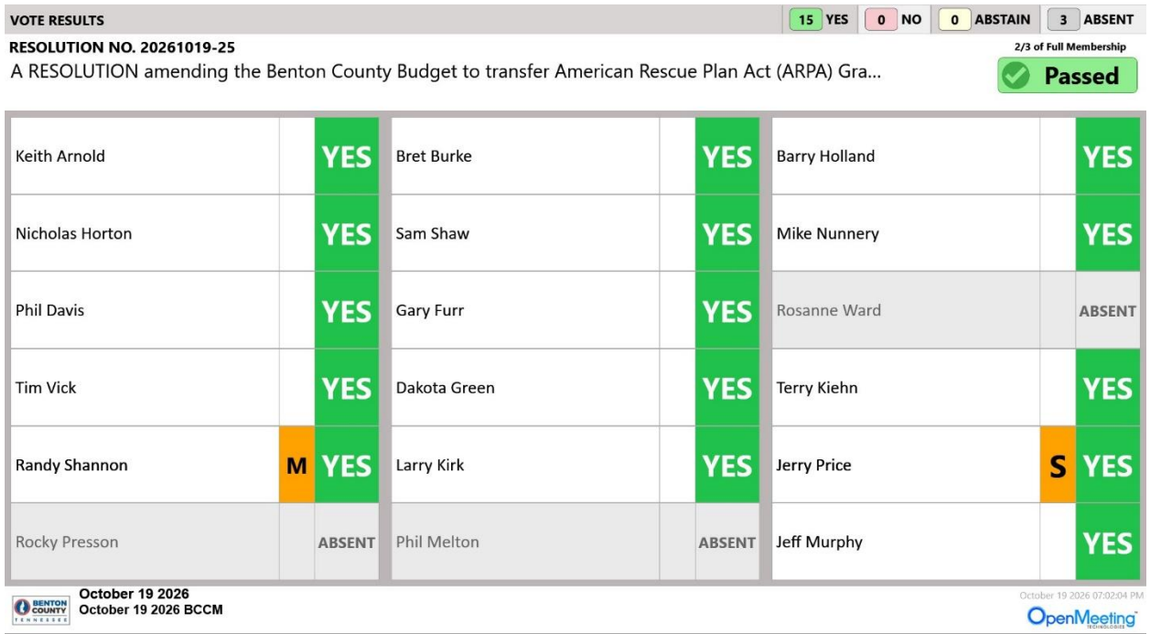
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of October, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

127.47402	BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY GRANT	$28,866.53

INCREASE:

171.47402	CAPITAL PROJECTS	$28,866.53



APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-26
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds to an expenditure line in the amount of $14,071.73 to make a payment to the ARPA Broadband Accessibility Grant, Tech Goes Home.

WHEREAS, Benton County needs to make a payment in the amount of $14,071.73 for expenditures related to the ARPA Broadband Accessibility Grant; and,

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

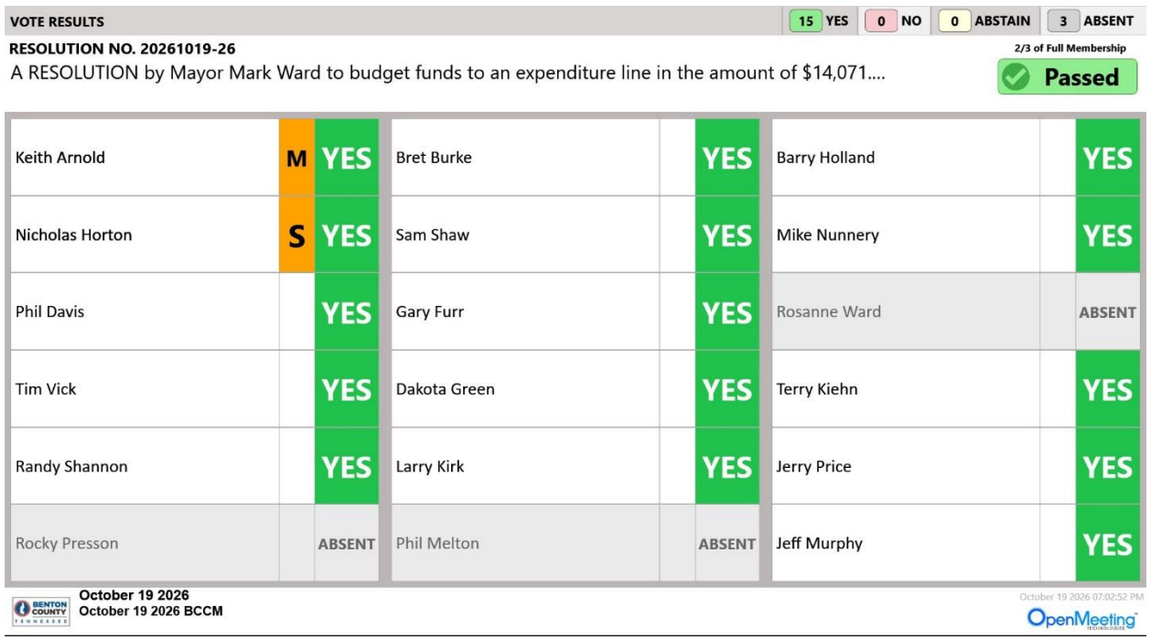
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of October, 2026, that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.47402	ARPA BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY GRANT	$14,071.73

INCREASE:

171.91140.709	DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	$14,071.73



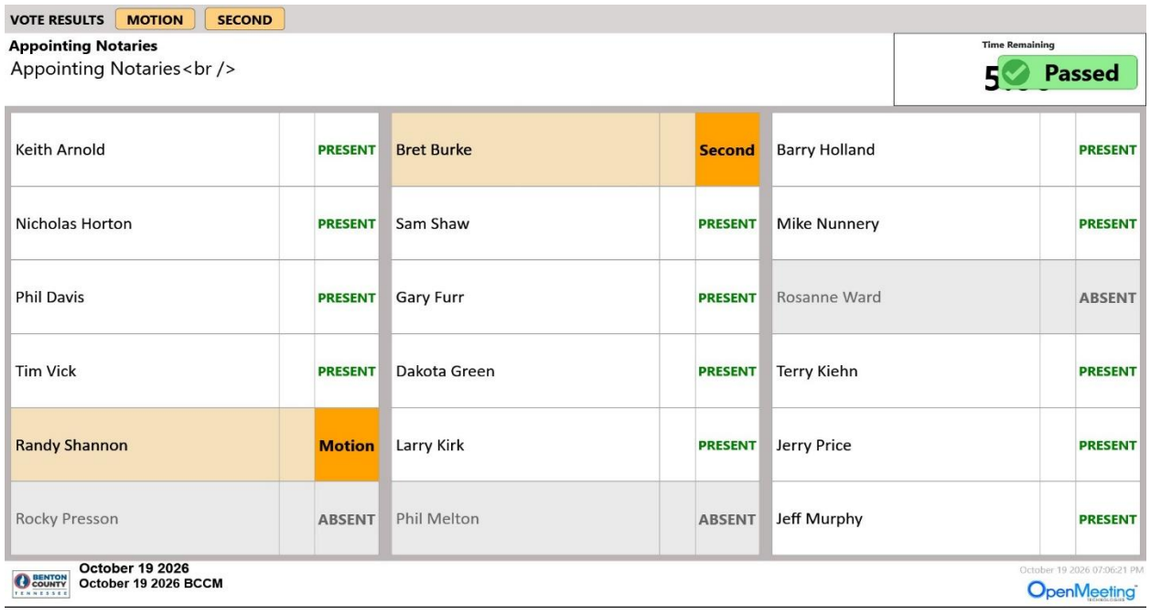
APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPOINTING NOTARIES:

- Billie Jo Cathey
- Kelsey Michelle Pierce
- Cinda Justine Fields
- Tina L Webb.



VOTE RESULTS | MOTION | SECOND

Appointing Notaries

Appointing Notaries

Time Remaining

Passed

Keith Arnold	PRESENT	Bret Burke	Second	Barry Holland	PRESENT
Nicholas Horton	PRESENT	Sam Shaw	PRESENT	Mike Nunnery	PRESENT
Phil Davis	PRESENT	Gary Furr	PRESENT	Rosanne Ward	ABSENT
Tim Vick	PRESENT	Dakota Green	PRESENT	Terry Kiehn	PRESENT
Randy Shannon	Motion	Larry Kirk	PRESENT	Jerry Price	PRESENT
Rocky Presson	ABSENT	Phil Melton	ABSENT	Jeff Murphy	PRESENT

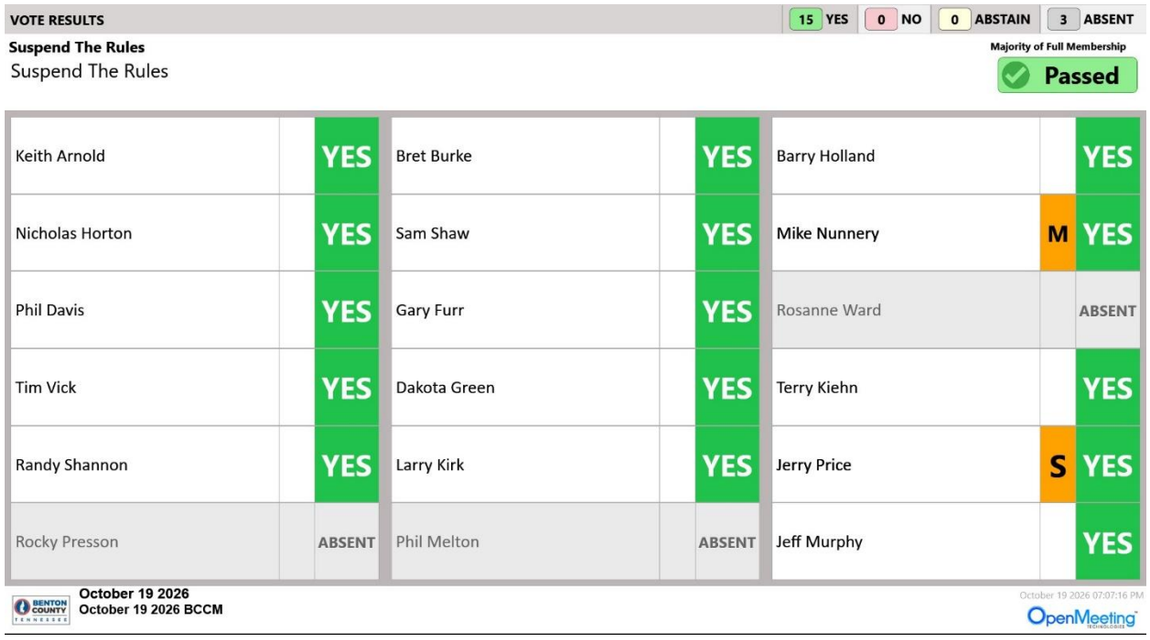
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS: SUSPEND THE RULES



VOTE RESULTS | 15 YES | 0 NO | 0 ABSTAIN | 3 ABSENT

Suspend The Rules

Suspend The Rules

Majority of Full Membership

Passed

Keith Arnold	YES	Bret Burke	YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton	YES	Sam Shaw	YES	Mike Nunnery	M	YES
Phil Davis	YES	Gary Furr	YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick	YES	Dakota Green	YES	Terry Kiehn		YES
Randy Shannon	YES	Larry Kirk	YES	Jerry Price	S	YES
Rocky Presson	ABSENT	Phil Melton	ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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RESOLUTION NO. 20261019-27
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate $20,000.00 to the part-time personnel line item in the County Clerk's Budget.

WHEREAS, an employee in the County Clerk's office is currently unable to return to work following an accident; and,

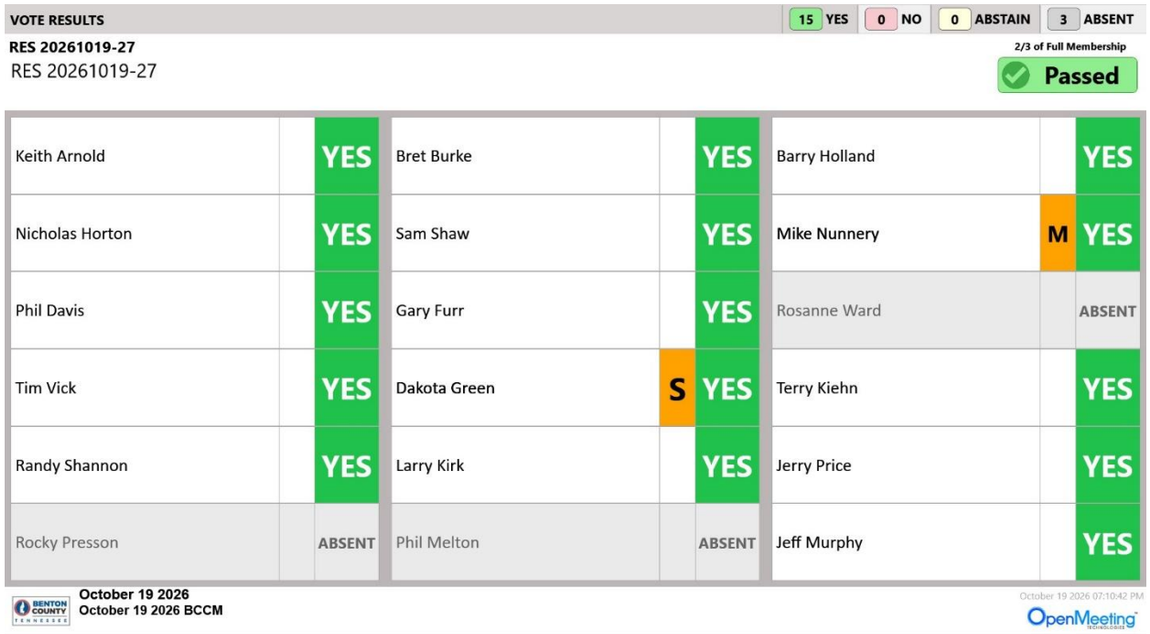
WHEREAS, the County Clerk's office requires immediate, temporary assistance to maintain operational efficiency and fulfill the duties of this position; and,

WHEREAS, supplemental funding is necessary to cover the costs associated with hiring temporary, part-time personnel; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of October, 2026 that funds for this be appropriated as follows:

	DECREASE:	
101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	$20,000.00

	INCREASE:	
101.52500.169	PART-TIME PERSONNEL	$20,000.00



VOTE RESULTS	15 YES	0 NO	0 ABSTAIN	3 ABSENT

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RES 20261019-27
2/3 of Full Membership
Passed

Keith Arnold		YES	Bret Burke		YES	Barry Holland		YES
Nicholas Horton		YES	Sam Shaw		YES	Mike Nunnery	M	YES
Phil Davis		YES	Gary Furr		YES	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		YES	Dakota Green	S	YES	Terry Kiehn		YES
Randy Shannon		YES	Larry Kirk		YES	Jerry Price		YES
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		YES

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County Clerk, Wanda Malin asked to speak regarding resolution see video archives.

APRROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260921-28
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET, PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
October 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of $13,125.52 from the Unassigned Fund balance to an expenditure line item for the repair of a walk-in cooler at the Benton County Jail.

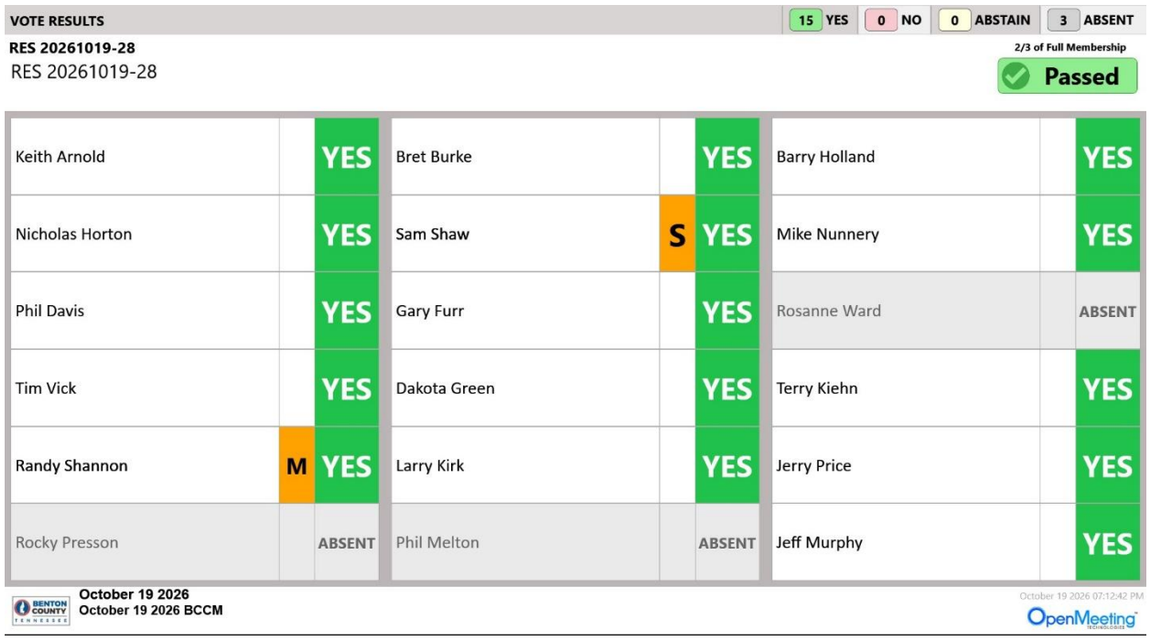
WHEREAS, the existing walk-in cooler at the Benton County Jail requires repair to remain fully operational; and,

WHEREAS, funds need to be appropriated and budgeted in the amount of $13,125.52 for the repair of a walk-in 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 19 th day of October, 2026 that funds be appropriated as follows:

	Decrease Fund Balance: Amount:	
171.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance – Capital Projects	$13,125.52

	Increase Expenditures: Amount:	
171.91110.710	Food Service Equipment	$13,125.52



Mayor Ward spoke in Sherriff Christopher absent regarding resolution see video archives.

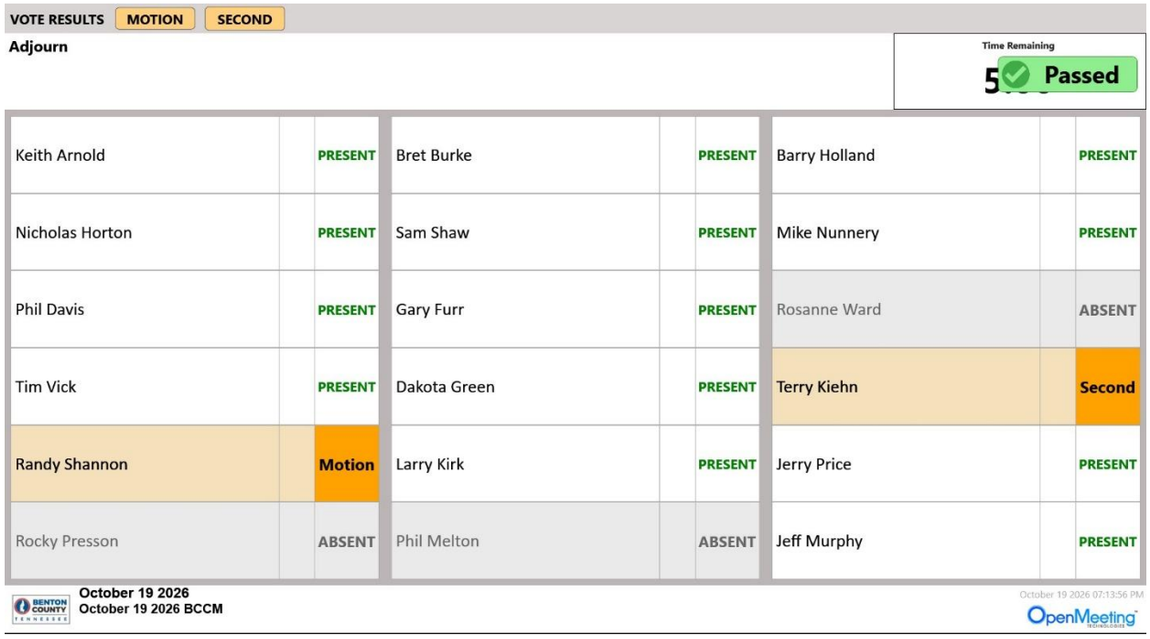
APPROVED:

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm



VOTE RESULTS MOTION SECOND

Adjourn

Time Remaining

Passed

Keith Arnold		PRESENT	Bret Burke		PRESENT	Barry Holland		PRESENT
Nicholas Horton		PRESENT	Sam Shaw		PRESENT	Mike Nunnery		PRESENT
Phil Davis		PRESENT	Gary Furr		PRESENT	Rosanne Ward		ABSENT
Tim Vick		PRESENT	Dakota Green		PRESENT	Terry Kiehn		Second
Randy Shannon		Motion	Larry Kirk		PRESENT	Jerry Price		PRESENT
Rocky Presson		ABSENT	Phil Melton		ABSENT	Jeff Murphy		PRESENT

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These minutes are true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

APPROVED:

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County Mayor

ATTEST:

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County Clerk