

BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

JUNE 15, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JUNE 15, 2020, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 PM.

**AGENDA**

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Powers and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Vickers.

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK WANDA MALIN and DEPUTY CLERK MELISSA PLANT**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**      COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE: ANGIE HERN VIA PHONE

<b>DIST. 6</b>	<b>DARRELL HICKS</b>	<b>RONNIE HOPPER</b>	<b>MARY POWERS</b>
<b>DIST. 1</b>	<b>ANGIE HERN (PHONE)</b>	<b>WARD PLANT (CHAIR)</b>	<b>DON PATTON</b>
<b>DIST. 2</b>	<b>DAYNA FERGUSON</b>	<b>KENNETH MILLER</b>	<b>ROCKY PRESSON</b>
<b>DIST. 3</b>	<b>KELEAH DYE</b>	<b>NORMAN FRAZIE</b>	<b>GARY FURR</b>
<b>DIST. 4</b>	<b>SONNY HALL</b>	<b>PHIL MELTON</b>	<b>DOUG VICKERS</b>
<b>DIST. 5</b>	<b>RACHELLE HILL</b>	<b>JANET HIGDON</b>	<b>ROSANNE WARD</b>

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**AGENDA**

1. Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy
4. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin
5. Approval of Agenda      **(VV)**
6. Citizens Forum
7. Commissioners Forum
8. County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor, Invited Guest Speaker Forum, or Proclamations
  - *Property Assessor, Ryan Hall – presenting certified tax rate*
9. Approval of Minutes **(VV)**
10. Report of Public Utilities **(VV)**

11. Resolution declaring an outdated/obsolete typewrite in the Mayor's Office as surplus property and allowing proper disposal per the mayor's discretion (20200615-01) **(VV)**
12. Resolution declaring the uncollected debt owed by Holland Craig in the amount of \$3,600.00 as an uncollected debt writing the amount off of Benton County's books removing it as a receivable with the balance coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund (20200615-02) **(RCV)**
13. Resolution making both new appointments and re-appointments to the airport board, board of public utilities, industrial board and the civil service board (20200615-03) **(VV)**
14. Resolution restricting the purchases \$5,000 or greater that go through the mayor's office for financing be first presented to the appropriate standing committee(s) (20200615-04) **(RCV)**
15. Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$4,000 in order to cover any unforeseen expenses in the County Coroner/Medical Examiner budget for the remainder of this fiscal year (20200615-05) **(VV)**
16. Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$5,700.00 within the Sheriff's Jail budget for payroll line items (20200615-06) **(RCV)**
17. Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$40,500.00 within the Sheriff's budget for payroll line items (20200615-07) **(RCV)**
18. Resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$890.00 within the county trustee's, county clerks, general sessions judge, chancery court and juvenile budgets in order to ensure sufficient funds for the retirement withholdings the last pay period of the fiscal year (20200615-08) **(RCV)**
19. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$125,892.88 received from the State of Tennessee for two airport grant reimbursements within the Airport Fund 189 (20200615-09) **(VV)**
20. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$30,000 received from insurance recovery within the school's budget (20200615-10) **(VV)**
21. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$29,869.37 received from USDA commodity rebate within the school's budget (20200615-11) **(VV)**
22. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$340.00 from revenues received throughout the month of May within the Sheriff's budget (20200615-12) **(VV)**
23. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 172-Community Development/ Industrial Park in order to pay the invoices for services rendered by Community Development Partners, LLC on assistance and administration of the 2019 CDBG grant (20200615-13) **(RCV)**
24. Appointing Notaries **(VV)**
25. Any Other Business
26. Adjourn

**ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY:**

**CHAIRMAN WARD PLANT**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the Agenda. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

Jeanette Holmes spoke about the devastating tornado that hit Benton County back in the spring. She spoke about the trauma to her family and home. She asked that people work together and help our community.

Benton County Property Assessor Ryan Hall said the Re-appraisal is complete! He said we need to start preparing for our tax rate. The new state certified rate is \$2.7274 (\$2.73) which is a decrease of \$0.22 cents. Now it is up to the Budget Committee to decide WHETHER or not to lock in this rate. Mr. Hall wants everyone to be clear on how the COUNTY tax rate is ultimately decided upon.

### **COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

Commissioner Hill wanted to apologize to Jeanette Holmes And Commissioner Plant for some things that were said based on false information received.

### **COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, INVITED GUEST SPEAKER FORUM, OR PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Lashee responded to Commissioner Hill's statements and said everyone gets bad information and that this was a good learning lesson for us all.

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Thanks to Mr. Ryan Hall, our Assessor of Property for being informative throughout this entire Property Reassessment Cycle.

I've said since before I became County Mayor, that one of my primary goals when it came to taxes and our budget was to get to the truth – get to the truth of our numbers which means validation and accuracy. If we know the truth in our numbers, we can make better decision in regards to taxes, whether we need to raise taxes, cut taxes, or stay where we are. It allows our decision makers which includes our commissioners and department heads to make accurate assessments and plan effectively.

I believe in the two budgets I have administered so far, that we have done a great job getting to the truth. Whether it is the ugly or pretty truth, I want you to be armed with accurate numbers to make your decision. Our budget committee and department heads have worked harder than ever this budget planning cycle, and I hope this is how we will attack all future budget planning cycles.

When our Assessor advises us of the Certified Rate, I think we should do all we can do to hit that mark and I endorse staying with the certified rate. The certified rate is our “truth”. It will tell us if we are living within our means or not. My hope is that we could operate one fiscal cycle at the certified rate before we make a determination of whether higher tax rates are needed.

Understandably, there are those in our public that do not understand budgets and taxes, and how the economy impacts our financial ability to adequately provide for our citizens. Some scream “tax increase” without having the slightest clue to how local governments financially operate. Labor wages, goods & services (i.e. materials, supplies, gasoline, etc.) usually do not go down. National tariffs can greatly impact our financial ability to acquire low cost goods. What we budget for on July 1, may not cost the same 9 months later and thus why you will see governmental finance advisors and governments on all levels adjusting their tax rates. My emphasis isn't on denying that reality, but rather focused on a justified tax rate that accomplishes the needs of our citizens and allows for our forward and future fiscal goals.

I am fond of this county commission under my tenure as you have worked and worked to be the best local government in Tennessee. The fruits of your hard work will be seen in our next two budgets I preside over as well. For those who attended tonight thinking this county commission was raising taxes, I sadly must inform you that you will be disappointed to know it has no intentions to do so.

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We are not a “pro-tax” county, in fact compared to many other counties around us we are the only county that has held firm with our tax rate! While we have seen consecutive years of tax increases from every single county our size and around us, Benton County hasn’t raised property taxes in 5 years. In fact, we are one of the lowest tax impact counties in Tennessee if not the lowest!

Our future may not always allow this luxury, but so long as you are informed and provided truthful data to make your decisions, I will stand behind and with our county commission every step of the way on your decisions. Our citizens should be proud of that and I believe the majority of citizens are.

We will feel a financial impact of going from a \$2.95 to \$2.73 rate, but I believe we can tighten our belts and weather through this for the upcoming year. However, before the commission contemplates a future tax increase, I would emphasize that a balanced budget requirement would be far more of a positive impact. We have two departments operating well over their revenues – WELL OVER! We have continually passed budgets for years allowing this practice – this has to stop if our county will ever have the fiscal capacity to develop industry and create jobs. A balanced budget requirement would force all departments to live within their means and probably provide us very good cash windfalls to our reserves, but reserves that the county commission controls. Right now, there is a department sitting on more cash than our county is and as long as that continues, you may as well kiss industrial development and possible tax stabilization goodbye.

Let’s address a few fiscal highlights of this year: We’ve added over \$260,000 in uncollected taxes and on tap to bring in more. We brought in another \$200,000 in cash to hold for unclaimed property which improves our financial reserve and we can draw interest on this money. We are scheduled to bring in another \$200,000 in TRRD money from uncollected taxes once the state provides a ruling on it. We’ve had a property sale that added \$170,000 cash and over \$500,000 in appraised taxable property. We just brought in \$150,000 in timber sales. We have another property we will sell over the next fiscal year that will bring us hopefully \$75,000 or more and hopefully create higher property tax revenues in the future. All of this is from money prior Mayor’s missed or did not have the vision to pursue. We stand to make \$200,000 more in local option sales taxes than we took in last year. ALL of this mentioned will positively impact our future revenue streams that fund our future budgets.

In fact, over a 20-year timeframe, we will stand to collect revenues totaling at a minimum 1.4 million dollars that we never would have realized. I won’t get into all

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the grants we are pursuing, but I will highlight the 100% or 90% funded grants we've received which total \$1,568,000 (\$625,000 + \$450,000 + \$20,000 + \$158,000 + \$315,000), and only cost the county \$39,000.

After 21 years, our Benton-Decatur Sewer District is financially on its feet. I have worked tirelessly for 2 years to understand its complicated model, bring in the expertise needed, lobbied our state officials, and set-forth the rates to put the district into a positive cash flow. As a result, the district will begin alleviating the county of \$500,000 in debt service payments over the next 10 years. That's a savings of \$500,000 to our general fund! All it took was a Mayor and Board Members committed and invested into structing a fiscally effective model. I especially want to thank Chairman Ward Plant as he was a driving force in these efforts.

Let me also remind those skeptics who still want to complain about the purchase of the Agricultural Complex and Farmers Market property – ALL of that money was money already in the bank. We simply traded cash for real estate, which I believe is a sound financial move. Once that project gets going this entire county will benefit from it.

The bottom line is I haven't spent anything the taxpayers had to fund extra in the budget or that I wasn't able to go out and create or obtain the funding. I believe our County Commission has made sound financial decisions when you have appropriated monies. I believe I've done an exceptional job as your Chief Financial Officer – I have leveraged monies to their fullest extent. I have reinvested monies back into county property and assets which I can't think of any better way to reward our citizens. You as a county commission have presented the citizens with two consecutive solid budgets and worked with an effective body representing our citizens. You too are to be commended!

If this were a State of The County Address, I would confidently say that never has our county been managed better and I trust that under "OUR" leadership, better days lie ahead for our citizens.

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**TRRD Fish Release Project**

150,000 fish per year released in Benton County creeks along the TN River since our last Commission Meeting. The TRRD will continue this another two year. We believe this will have a positive impact on our tourism over the coming years.

As a result of our audit of our TRRD monies, we are requesting a legal opinion from the TN Attorney General and Comptroller's Office. We believe this will bring us an estimated \$200,000 in one-time monies for tourism related projects this upcoming fiscal year, and another \$15,000 additional revenues annually.

**TWRA Duck Blind Drawing**

Rumors about it being a computer drawing this year. I have called TWRA 3 times on this and they are preparing for a live-drawing. There was mention about whether the Governor's order would restrict the drawing, but TWRA has not said they are changing their plan for a live draw unless ordered to do so by the Governor.

Additionally, I have submitted a formal request for TWRA to improve the Eva Boat Access Landing. This could mean, if approved, \$300,000+ in development construction in the next fiscal year.

**County Sports Complex**

We have pretty much finished some capital upgrades of the park over the past few months while the COVID-19 kept it closed to public traffic. The field conditions and scoreboards have been vastly improved.

The first softball tournament was conducted last weekend for a two-day tournament and at high noon on the first day, 250 cars were parked – only 8 license plates were from Benton County. Folks this is tourism at its best and this will continue to aid us in our county revenues.

We have sold timber on the ballpark property that netted our county \$152,000. This money will be reinvested into the sports complex and with the help of leveraging this cash with matching grants, we believe we can finish out the 5<sup>th</sup> ballfield as well as construct a senior and junior level soccer fields over the next couple of years as well as aid in further development of The Patsy Cline Memorial Park.

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I have reviewed Resolution 20200615-04 and am concerned of the intent of this action.

I believe we need to improve our understanding of the roles and duties of our financial policies and procedures. The Legislative Body appropriates. There are times the Legislative Body can even stipulate purchasing and spending guidelines, but that would come via a specific appropriation resolution. The Mayor doesn't get to vote on legislative matters, and the commissioners doesn't administrate our fiscal policies. Once you approve, then it is my job to manage and administrate the fiscal processes. I am somewhat curious that the commission would try to target only the Mayor's office and no other departments?

Not a penny has been spent that you haven't approved (budget wise). When these community concerns come to you, no one should be better equipped to defend their vote or articulate our spending actions than you. You have just as much responsibility to educate your constituents than I have, but at least no one can't say I haven't tried. We have Facebook Live and Townhall Meetings, County Mayor Briefings via Facebook and at least I open things up for questions and answers. The folks who are complaining probably haven't even been to a townhall, commission meeting, or especially stepped into my office as I would have no problem showing them how the fiscal policy works and how effective our spending has been.

Still, I don't believe there has been any vague processes or intentions when it comes to our spending and I believe we have been pretty open as to the purposes and goals of the expenditures. If you walk away from discussions or concerns brought to you and you cannot properly explain what we are trying to do, then please come see me or have the citizens expressing concerns to you to come see me. Not only that, I have actually asked several of you to come by for updates on a regular basis and some have done such, other have not. However, you can't say I haven't tried.

The Commission approved the highway budget this year that was 1 MILLION OVER-BUDGETED and never said a word or complained about "out of control spending" by their director. The Commission approved a budget for the School System that was 1 MILLION DOLLARS OVER-BUDGETED and never said a word or complained about "out of control spending". The general fund, which is basically what I manage, was just under 200,000 over budgeted and I believe from the above information, I've shown that we covered that out-of-balance money pretty well plus some.



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So, the two departments whom no sponsoring commissioner complains about with their over-budgeted spending is of no concern to you (or these community naysayers you reference in your resolution), but my department, which has probably the most fiscally healthy budget is one you are concerned about and I just don't understand it since you approved every penny.

I will propose the deal with you that will solve your future concerns of department head spending, consolidated information as well as silence the citizens who bring the complaints to you right now: pass the 1957 or 1981 Purchasing Act and consolidate our Finances into one department. I have advocated this option since before I was elected Mayor.

If you will pass a **Balanced Budget Resolution** that would correct these excess budgets, we see year after year!

So, there you go – you can solve all these concerns and pacify the naysayers and community complaints you have been getting as you claim..... all in one or two actions. Pass the Centralized Act and / or a balanced budget and it would be the biggest accomplishment this body has made in our county history.

**PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve MAY 2020 minutes. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-01**. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-01**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Mayor’s Office has an outdated and obsolete electric typewriter, which is an IBM Wheel writer 1000 / Model No. WW1000 / Serial No. 11TMH05; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to declare this item as surplus property and allow the mayor and/or his staff to dispose of the typewrite per their discretion.  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County,

Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2020 that the IBM Wheel writer 1000 / Model No. WW1000 / Serial No. 11TMH05 electric typewriter in the County Mayor’s Office be declared as surplus property and disposed of.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-02**. On a Roll Call Vote, 17Ayes and 1 Pass. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-02**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, a debt owed to the county of by HOLLAND CRAIG in the amount of \$3,600.50 was ordered by the courts of Benton County scheduled to have been paid within two years of that date and has yet to be paid in full; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount remains as a receivable on the books of the county’s General Fund with little chance of ever being collected and it is the comptroller’s recommendation to clear this debt from the county’s books;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 that said amount owed will be written off the books as an uncollected debt with the balance coming from the fund balance of the General Fund.

**RESOLUTION 20200615-02**

COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	PASS
DARRELL HICKS		X			X		
RONNIE HOPPER		X			X		
MARY POWERS		X			X		
ANGIE HERN		X			X		
DON PATTON		X			X		
DAYNA FERGUSON		X			X		
KENNETH MILLER		X		X	X		
ROCKY PRESSON		X			X		
KELEAH DYE		X					X
NORMAN FRAZIER		X			X		
GARY FURR		X			X		
SONNY HALL		X			X		
PHIL MELTON		X			X		
DOUG VICKERS		X			X		
RACHELLE HILL		X			X		
JANET HIGDON		X			X		
ROSANNE WARD		X	X		X		
WARD PLANT		X			X		

  
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-03.** On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-03**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

**WHEREAS**, due to the delays the COVID-19 Crisis had with public meetings and impacting timely appointments we have several board members whose terms have recently expired or are soon to expire; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mayor's recommendation to appoint and/or re-appoint members to the boards as follows:

- **Leonard Pierpoint** *Re-appoint to the Airport Board for a 2-year term, effective July 20, 2020 with an expiration on October 31, 2022*
- **Darrell Berry** *Re-appoint to the Airport Board for a 3-year term, effective July 20 2020 with an expiration on July 18, 2023*
- **Eldon Wimberly** *Re-appoint to the Airport Board for a 3-year term, effective July 20 2020 with an expiration on July 18, 2023*
- **Ward Plant** *Re-appoint to the Board of Public Utilities for a 4-year term, effective July 20, 2020 with an expiration on July 24, 2024*
- **Linda Zanaty** *Re-appoint to the Industrial Board for a 4-year term, effective July 20, 2020 with an expiration on August 1, 2024*
- **Doug Vickers** *Re-appoint to the Industrial Board for a 4-year term, effective July 20, 2020 with an expiration on August 1, 2024*
- **Tim Tighe** *Appoint to the Civil Service Board to fill the vacancy of Erica Lynch With a 3-year term, effective July 1, 2020 and expiration of July 20, 2023*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 that the appointments and/or re-appointments listed above for the Airport Board, Board of Public Utilities, Industrial Board and the Civil Service Board be approved for the described terms.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Higdon to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-04.** **PULLED**

Commissioner Ward took the Pro-Tem Chair on request by Chairman Plant for this discussion.

Commissioner Hicks requested his name be removed from **RESOLUTION 20200615-04.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to pull **RESOLUTION 20200615-04.** **PULLED**

All sponsors on **RESOLUTION 20200615-04** agreed to pull the resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-04**

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS NORMAN FRAZIER, RONNIE HOPPER, DAYNA FERGUSON, ROSANNE WARD, DARREL HICKS, SONNY HALL,  
GARY FURR & ROCHELL HILL**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: ALL STANDING COMMITTEES**

**WHEREAS**, with all of the tight budget requirements with today's tax base and community inquiries into County spending; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Mayor has the spending limit up to \$10,000.00 without including the commissioners or standing committees for purchases that are being made without going thru the committees and due process for all to be included and knowledgeable;

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2020 that all future purchases of \$5,000.00 or greater thru the Mayor's Office and all County Departments that fall under the County Mayor to be presented to Standing Committees for notification and to be included and/or involved for comment for these purchases over \$5,000.00. For further ease and reduce lack of communication and for all to be included and knowledgeable of the purchases made and to be informed when asked by the Citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to take a 5-minute recess at 7:20 pm. Meeting back in session at 7:29 pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Frazier to Combine **Resolutions 20200615-05 thru 20200615-12.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vickers and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-05**. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-05**

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the County Coroner/Medical Examiner payroll line item and social security account may have insufficient funds to complete the remainder of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer funds in order to ensure there is a sufficient balance to cover the expenses for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be transferred as the following:

<b><u>DECREASE EXPENDITURES:</u></b>			
101.58120.599	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OTHER CHARGES	\$4,000.00	
			\$4,000.00
<b><u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u></b>			
101.54610.199	COUNTY CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$2,200.00	
101.54610.201	SOCIAL SECURITY		\$ 400.00
101.54610.212	MEDICARE		\$ 100.00
101.54610.309	CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	\$ 1,300.00	
			\$4,000.00

  
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Vickers to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-06**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-06**

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, there are two payroll line items in the jail that have insufficient funds to complete the fiscal year and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer funds from two other payroll line items that have a surplus to complete the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 5,700.00 be transferred within the Jail's budgets and applied as follows:

<b><u>DECREASE EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
101.54210.160	GUARDS	\$5,700.00	
<b><u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
101.54210.110	LIEUTENANT(S)	\$ 700.00	
101.54210.140	SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 5,000.00	
			\$ 5,700.00

  
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-07**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-07**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, there are several payroll line items that have insufficient funds to complete the fiscal year and;

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to transfer funds from other payroll line items that have a surplus to complete the fiscal year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 33,215.00 be transferred within the Sheriff's budget and applied as follows:

**DECREASE EXPENDITURES**

101.54110.106	DEPUTY(IES)	\$ 27,000.00
101.54110.119	ACCOUNTANTS/BOOKKEEPERS	\$ 3,500.00
101.54110.148	DISPATCHERS	\$ 6,000.00
<u>101.54110.189</u>	<u>OTHER SALARIES &amp; WAGES</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
		\$ 40,500.00

**INCREASE EXPENDITURES**

101.54110.105	SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR	\$ 900.00
101.54110.108	INVESTIGATOR(S)	\$ 5,000.00
101.54110.115	SERGEANT(S)	\$15,000.00
101.54110.133	PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$ 1,300.00
101.54110.140	SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 6,000.00
101.54110.161	SECRETARY(S)	\$ 1,300.00
<u>101.54110.170</u>	<u>OBJECTS NOT IN USE</u>	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>
		\$ 40,500.00

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was

made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-08**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-08**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, there are a few retirement withholding accounts that may have insufficient funds in order to complete the third payroll during the month of June; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to transfer funds in the amount of \$890.00 within certain functions in order to ensure sufficient funds for the last pay period of this fiscal year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 that the transfers listed below in the amount of \$890.00 be approved in order to ensure sufficient funds in the retirement withholding accounts to complete the last pay period of this fiscal year:

**DECREASE EXPENDITURES:**

101.52400.210	COUNTY TRUSTEE UNEMPLOYMENT	\$205.00
101.52500.317	COUNTY CLERK DATA PROCESSING	\$330.00
101.53310.210	GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE UNEMPLOYMENT	\$160.00
101.53400.196	CHANCERY COURT IN-SERVICE TRAINING	\$175.00
101.53500.210	JUVENILE COURT UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 10.00
101.54240.196	JUVENILE SERVICES IN-SERVICE TRAINING	\$ 10.00

\$890.00

**INCREASE EXPENDITURES:**

101.52400.204	COUNTY TRUSTEE RETIREMENT	\$205.00
101.52500.204	COUNTY CLERK RETIREMENT	\$330.00
101.53310.204	GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE RETIREMENT	\$160.00
101.53400.204	CHANCERY COURT RETIREMENT	\$175.00
101.53500.204	JUVENILE COURT RETIREMENT	\$ 10.00
101.54240.204	JUVENILE SERVICES RETIREMENT	\$ 10.00

\$890.00

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Frazier to combine **RESOLUTIONS 20200615-09, 10, 11, AND 12.** On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve as combined **RESOLUTIONS 20200615-09, 10, 11, AND 12.** On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-09**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Airport has received multiple grant reimbursements on both the REILS & Rotating Beacon project and the Obstruction Survey project in the total amount of \$125,892.88; and  
**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$125,892.88 within the airport budget in Fund 189 in order to cover outstanding grant project invoices.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$125,892.88 received from the State of Tennessee be budgeted within the Airport Fund 189 as the following:

<b>INCREASE REVENUES:</b>		
189.46980	OTHER STATE GRANTS	\$125,892.88
		<b>\$125,892.88</b>
<b>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</b>		
189.91110.724	AIRPORT SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$125,892.88

**\$125,892.88**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-10**

**SPONSORED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MARK FLORENCE  
RESOLUTION FOR THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 15, 2020**

**WHEREAS:** Several schools across the county had damages due to lightning. The damage was to phone systems, fire alarms, servers, PA system, etc.

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2019-20 budget as follows;

			<u>INCREASE</u>
49700	Insurance Recovery	\$30,000.00	
71100 722	Regular Instruction Equipment	\$10,000.00	
76100 707	Building Improvements	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		\$ 30,000.00	

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-11**

**SPONSORED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MARK FLORENCE  
RESOLUTION FOR THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 15, 2020**

**WHEREAS:** USDA has made available more funds within the School Food Service (143) account in the form of a commodity rebate;  
**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of County Commissioners to approve the following budget amendment:

<u>INCREASE - Revenue</u>			
47112	USDA – Other		\$29869.37
<u>INCREASE - Expenditures</u>			
73100 469	Commodities		\$29769.37
73100 524	In-service		<u>\$ 100.00</u>
			\$29869.37

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-12**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received funds in the amount of \$ 340.00 for revenues for the month of May, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount fo \$ 340.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff'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, 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 340.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of May, 2020 be budgeted as follows:

**DECREASE REVENUES:**

101.43395	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 150.00
101.44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$ 190.00
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		\$ 340.00

**INCREASE EXPENDITURE:**

101.54110.353	TOW-IN SERVICES	\$ 190.00
101.54150.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 150.00
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		\$ 340.00

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20200615-13.** On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200615-13**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**


WHEREAS, Benton County has received an invoice from Community Development Partners, LLC in the amount of \$3,000 for the billing period ending May 31, 2020 and expects to receive another invoice for the month of June in the amount of \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, the services rendered are for environmental review and grant administration regarding the 2019 CDBG Project and invoices to be paid out of this current fiscal budget total \$6,000; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the said funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 172 – Community Development/Industrial Park and budget to the appropriate expenditure account in order to pay the two invoices received from Community Development Partners, LLC.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$6,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 172 – Community Development/Industrial Park and budget to the Expenditure Account No. 172.91110.308 – General Administration Projects Consultants in order to pay the invoices from Community Development Partners for services rendered this current fiscal year on the 2019 CDBG Project.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk



**NOTARIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve JUNE Notaries. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**LINDA MELTON**

**MARILYN ENGLAND**

**DONNA COOK**

**APRIL COLE**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Rosanne Ward wanted to thank everyone involved in the parks and the ball fields. They look really nice and she also wanted to thank Mayor Lashlee for supporting the sports arenas and fields with grants and budget money.

Commissioner Hopper just wanted to make sure Big Sandy doesn't get forgotten about.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to adjourn this meeting. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Meeting was adjourned.**

**WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE JUNE 15, 2020 BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.**

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BRETT LASHLEE, MAYOR

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WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK